



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

“THE SUFFERING OF JOB” JOB

Job learned that God is all-powerful, sovereign, and good. When we face suffering, we can hope in God. God sent Jesus, the only truly innocent One, to suffer and die so that everyone who trusts in Him can have forgiveness and eternal life.

Questions to Ask, Conversation Starters, and Helping to Apply The Truths to Our Kids' Lives

Remember: this guide is meant to help facilitate conversations and engagement with Jesus throughout the week, so don't feel like you need to do this all in one day!

BEFORE WE MEET TOGETHER ON SUNDAY

- Continue conversations as a family regarding the lesson from last Sunday, where we learned that people chose to give glory to themselves instead of God. They ignored God's plan, so God confused their language and scattered the people all over the earth. One day, Jesus will gather together all of God's people—people from every tribe and people who speak all kinds of languages—and they will worship Him together. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Job, pray and ask God to reveal himself to you and for wisdom in how to best shepherd and disciple your kids through this Scripture in the next week.

AFTER WE MEET TOGETHER ON SUNDAY

Discipleship Through Scripture and Conversation

- Talk to your kids about the Bible story that they learned at church. Ask them to explain what they learned/what stuck out to them in the story, and expand upon the truths of the Bible that they are bringing up.
- Continue the conversation with your kids on Sunday and throughout the week. Some helpful conversations this week could be:
 1. Job was a wealthy man who loved God. At the beginning of the book, God allows Satan to test Job's faithfulness. Job lost everything, and he asked God why these things were happening.

- What did Job learn about God through his trial? Why did God allow Satan to test Job's faithfulness? Was God being unloving or harmful by allowing it?
2. Job is consistently communicating with God and displaying trust in God despite His circumstances. He felt many different emotions (like anger, sadness, and confusion) but continued to follow and trust God.
 - What makes God trustworthy, even in difficulty? Why did Job's trust in God never waver?
 - How does this Scripture encourage us in prayer? What can we learn about God and how we relate to Him in prayer (and how He relates to us in prayer)?
 3. God answered Job, and His response reveals that God alone is all-powerful, sovereign, and good. When we face suffering, we can hope in God. God sent Jesus, the only truly innocent One, to suffer and die so that everyone who trusts in Him can have forgiveness and eternal life.
 - How is God near to those who are suffering? How do we know this, and how can we be reminded of this? How should a suffering person
 - How does this magnify Jesus as the fulfillment of the "Suffering Servant"?
 - How does God encourage people in difficulty? How does He equip people to encourage their friends and others?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Praise God that He is all-powerful, sovereign, and good. Pray for trust in God in the midst of difficulty and sorrow, and pray for other people in our church/our neighborhood who are suffering.
- Ask each member of your family - adults included - to share one thing they would like prayer over. Have someone to pray for that person's request. Encourage your family to pray for that person for the entire week.
- Take time to pray independently for your children, for God to do his mighty work in their hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Discipleship through modeling/action

- Follow up throughout the week about the things you discussed
 - Seek vulnerability with your family in discussing ways you have felt sorrow or suffering. Ask for prayer, and seek to partner with God in meeting the needs of people around you

- Pursue discipleship in your own life. Read Scripture, pray fervently, invest into community, and more. Model the ways of Christ as an example to your kids.

Our Memory Verse for This Unit

OUR MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS UNIT (ENTITLED “GOD CREATED EVERYTHING”) IS COLOSSIANS 1:16B-17

- *For our older kids we are doing the full verse:*
 - “All things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”
- *For our younger kids we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:*
 - “All things were created through him and for him.”

While we are helping the kids engage with this Scripture on Sundays through fun activities and time together, we really encourage you to take time to continue to engage with the memorization of this Scripture at home. As always, the hope is not to have our kids simply know a lot of Scripture, but to engage in God’s Word and allow Him to use it to transform the hearts of our kids!

What’s Coming Up?

- Stay connected by joining the [RLA Kids page on RLA Connect](#)
- Want weekly updates and occasional texts about special announcements? Text the word “Kids” to 323.859.1122. It really helps in preparing for Sunday and the rest of the week!

We Want to Know and Serve You Better!

We love hearing from you! You can email kids@realityla.com at any time with any thoughts, questions, or concerns. We also love to be praying with and alongside you, so please send those over as well.