



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

“JACOB AND RACHEL” GENESIS 29-31

Nothing could stop God's plan for the family of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Even though Jacob did not love Leah, God loved her and used her in His plan. Through the family of Jacob and Leah's son Judah, God would show His love for the world by sending His Son to be the Savior He promised.

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 The promises for Abraham and Isaac also became the promises for Jacob. At Bethel, God showed that His plan was to continue the covenant through Jacob's family and eventually a whole nation, leading to the birth of Jesus— the promised Savior. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Genesis 29-31, 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. Jacob loved Rachel and was willing to work seven years to marry her. After Laban tricked him into marrying Leah first he was willing to work another seven years to marry Rachel.

- How is the love of God reflected in this story? What are some more examples in Scripture of God's pursuing love?
 - How does God's never-stopping love for His people encourage us to love others?
2. Jacob did not love Leah, but God had a deep love for Leah. He also chose Jacob and Leah's son Judah to be the heir of the promise.
- God chose the person deemed "undesirable"...what does this tell us about God and His love? How did this bring dignity and value to Leah? How does God show love to people who are lonely or misunderstood, and how can we enter into that?
 - God chose one of Leah's children, Judah, as the heir to the promise He made with Abraham. How does God work in unexpected ways? Where else do we see this in Scripture?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray to receive the never-ending love of God in fresh ways, and for opportunities to share it with others. Pray for wisdom and opportunities to love those who are misunderstood, lonely, or cast aside.
- 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 out people in our city who are lonely, misunderstood, or cast aside and love them with the love of Christ.
- 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 FORMED A NEW NATION") IS GENESIS 28:15

- *For our older kids we are doing the full verse:*

- “Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”
- *For our younger kids we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:*
 - “Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go”

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.