



# RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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## What We're Learning This Week

### **“JOSEPH SENT TO EGYPT” GENESIS 37**

Joseph's brothers turned against him and tried to kill him, but God protected Joseph and used him as part of His plan to rescue his family. In a similar way, people turned against God's Son, Jesus. Jesus' death was God's plan to rescue sinners.

## 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 God changed Jacob's life and gave him a new name, Israel. Jesus came so that we might have a changed life, forgiven of sin. (2 Corinthians 5:17) Jesus' death and resurrection provided sinful people the way to be adopted into God's family. When we are adopted into the family of God we also receive a new name—children of God. (John 1:12). The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Genesis 37, 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. Joseph's dreams meant that he was going to rule over all of his brothers, causing them to become incredibly angry.

- Why does God give some things to some people and not to others? How can we trust God's kindness and good plan when we see Him bless others and not us? How is Jesus the greatest thing God can give to people, and how does that impact how we view God's delegation of blessings to all different people?
  - Have you ever felt jealous about someone else's success? How does Scripture address the temptation of jealousy, and what does it call us to instead? How can we rejoice in the successes and flourishing of others in a godly way?
2. Joseph was left in a pit by his jealous brothers and sold into slavery.
- How do you think Joseph felt when he was in the pit? How did Jesus react in the face of mistreatment, and how does it impact how we can react when others mistreat us?
  - How does God use difficulties and challenges in our lives? Why do you think God allows people who trust in Him to experience hard times? How does suffering play into the life of a believer?

### **Discipleship through prayer**

- Take time to pray together as a family.
  - Pray for God to bring conviction in the hearts of your family about people or things you may be feeling jealous about, and thank Him for His kindness and grace in dealing with you to grow as a disciple of Christ. Pray through difficulties in your life together with a trust that God does use suffering for our ultimate good and His glory.
- 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
  - Repent of jealousy to your kids. Seek to meet the needs of someone you know who is suffering.
- 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 HOSEA 13:4**

- *For our older kids we are doing the full verse:*
  - “I have been the Lord your God ever since you came out of Egypt. You shall acknowledge no God but me, no Savior except me.”
- *For our younger kids we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:*
  - “You shall acknowledge no God but me, no Savior except me

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](mailto: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.