



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

“MOSES WAS BORN AND CALLED” EXODUS 1-4

God saved Moses' life and called him to rescue God's people from slavery. The calling of Moses points to a greater calling and rescue—the call of Jesus to come to earth to save God's people. Jesus gave up His life to save us from slavery to sin.

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 the birth of Jesus was good news! Jesus was not an ordinary baby. He was God's Son, sent to earth from heaven. Jesus came into the world to bring peace between people and God. He came to save people from their sins and to be their King. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Exodus 1-4, 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. Pharaoh wanted to push the Israelites down by enslaving them and by ordering that all their baby boys were killed when they were born. But God was still with His people and was able to keep Moses alive to fulfill His great plan.

- How does this remind you of the stories we've already gone over in Genesis (Jacob, Joseph, etc)...how does God work despite human wickedness? What does this teach us about the trustworthiness and goodness of God?
 - How did Moses first react when God called him to deliver His people from captivity? What was off with his reaction and what do we learn about God from the interaction?
 - Why is it so significant that God reveals His personal name to Moses (and to us)?
2. God rescued Moses to deliver His people from captivity. Emphasize how the calling of Moses points to a greater calling and rescue—the call of Jesus to come to earth to save God's people from sin.
- What kind of people does God use in His plans? Do you think God could use you in His plan? In what ways?
 - How is Jesus the greater Moses? What was Jesus's calling and how did He go about it? What can we learn about God from this?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray for God to continue to be with His people and for a trust in God's great rescue plan
- 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
 - Continue talking about how God works through all circumstances and will always deliver His people through the blood of Jesus.
- 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 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.