



# RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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## What We're Learning This Week

### **"JOSEPH EXPLAINED DREAMS" GENESIS 39-41**

God sent Joseph to Egypt and blessed him so that he rose to a position of great authority. God used Joseph to help Joseph's family and many others. When Jesus came to earth, He gave up His position of honor in heaven to be the Savior of the world.

## 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 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. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Genesis 39-41, 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 interpreted dreams for his prison mates, and later for the greatest ruler in all of Egypt - Pharaoh himself.

- Why do you think God gave Joseph the ability to interpret dreams? How did it help Joseph when he was in Egypt? What does this tell about how God chooses to lead and bless people? What does it tell us about how we can trust God in all circumstances?
  - What is the ultimate good that God has given us?
  - Joseph had interpreted dreams with his family and it sent him into slavery. Do you think he was fearful to interpret dreams again? How did Joseph have confidence before the most powerful ruler of Egypt to do the same thing?
2. Joseph had been given some pretty difficult circumstances: removed from his family, sold into slavery falsely accused of a crime he did not commit, and imprisoned for many years.
- How does God use all circumstances for His glory and for our good? What does this tell us about God's character and His love for people?
  - What are some ways we are tempted to distrust God in hard circumstances? How can we trust God's timing in our lives? How does God instruct us to live in the times of waiting, pain, or confusion? What do we have hope in during those times?

### **Discipleship through prayer**

- Take time to pray together as a family.
  - Pray for trust in God to lead your family in His perfect timing and ways. Pray for God to reveal Himself in difficult circumstances (either for your family or for others you know) and for a belief that God is acting for His glory and your ultimate good.
- 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
  - Talk together about what you believe God has for your family in the next year, and ask Jesus for wisdom and trust for His plans in 2019.
- 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.