



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

“THE RED SEA CROSSING” EXODUS 13-15

Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, and God provided a way for them to escape through the Red Sea. The Bible says that Jesus is greater than Moses. (Hebrews 3:3) People who trust in Jesus escape the penalty of sin and have 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 By His grace, God spared the Israelites from judgment by requiring the blood of a lamb. Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. His death was the ultimate sacrifice, and those who trust in Christ are under His saving blood and will be passed over in the final judgment. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Exodus 13-15, 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. The people of Israel were undoubtedly scared, anxious, and worried in their exodus from Egypt, especially when the Egyptians began pursuing them. Moses spoke up to calm them and remind them that “The Lord will fight for you” (Exodus 14:14)
 - What examples do we see of God fighting on behalf of His people in this story?

- Why do you think the Israelites lacked trust in God and complained during their journey? How are we susceptible to the same forgetfulness ourselves?
 - How does the presence of God bring peace and assurance, like it did to the Israelites in this story?
2. The crossing of the Red Sea is an event in history that displays God's grace, remembered for generations as God's mighty redemptive act
- God created a way to save His people. What are examples of God's saving power in the Bible? What does this tell us about who God is and who we are? What should our response to God's saving power lead us to do?
 - God didn't make a way of salvation for us because we deserve it but because of who He is: a gracious and loving God who created us to know and love Him. How do we see the characteristics of God in this story fulfilled by Jesus?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray in thankfulness for God's willingness to fight for His people. Remember that God punishes sin and heartedness (like in Pharaoh) and calls us to repentance, so practice that together as a family. Pray for god's salvation for your family and our city.
- 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
- 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.