



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

“BREAD FROM HEAVEN” EXODUS 15-17

In the New Testament, Jesus said that He is the Bread of life. (John 6:31-35) God provided manna from heaven for His people's physical hunger, and later He provided His Son, Jesus, for our spiritual hunger. The Israelites needed bread to live for a little while, but whoever has Jesus will live forever!

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 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. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Exodus 15-17, 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. God had just rescued Israel out of slavery in Egypt, fought Pharaoh on their behalf, and displayed His power when parted the Red Sea. Yet the Israelites were still complaining to

Moses about God, saying He wouldn't provide for them because they did not have the exact resources they wanted when they wanted them.

- The Israelites said that they would have rather died in Egypt as slaves than be free and die of hunger in the wilderness. How were they incorrect in their thinking of who God is? Are we also prone to forgetfulness like the Israelites? How?
 - Should God always give people exactly what they want whenever they ask for it? Why or why not? When He doesn't, what does that tell us about who God is and about what we are requesting?
2. Despite what they believed, God never stopped providing for His people and He always has a plan for His people
- In what ways did God provide for His people, even in these few chapters of Scripture? Why did God wait to provide for them until the times that He did? What does this tell us about God and about His sovereignty?
 - What plan did God have for the Israelites? Why did they distrust the plan?
3. God is our Provider. Like He provided for the physical needs of His people in the wilderness, He provided for our spiritual needs by sending His Son, Jesus
- How does Jesus provide for every need we have - not just physically, but spiritually?
 - What does it mean when Jesus is called "the bread of life" in John 6:35? How does it change the ways we relate to God?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Praise God for His ultimate provision of Jesus, and pray for specific areas you need to trust God to provide in your life and the in the 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
 - Seek specific ways where you can be used by god to provide for others this week.
- 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.