



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

“JETHRO HELPED MOSES” EXODUS 18

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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 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! The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Exodus 18, 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 does not intend for anyone to lead alone. He desires unity among believers and provided the church body so we can work together to accomplish His plan.

- Why was it good for Moses to get help? Why do we sometimes resist getting help from others?
- Why do you think God designed the church this way? Do you see this type of leadership in the church today? What ways is this flourishing and what ways do we need to all grow in this?
- What does it mean that the church is the bride of Christ? Why is unity in the church so valuable to God?
- Why does God want believers to follow Jesus together and not alone? What are some things that we are tempted to do when we are on our own, but that the body of Christ helps to encourage us in?
- Why is cooperation something that can be difficult sometimes? How does God demonstrate cooperation Himself, and how does that spur us towards unity and cooperation? What role does humility play in leading and serving alongside others?
- What are some ways that you can support and help others, through the power of God?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Thank God for putting other people in your life who also love and serve Jesus, and pray for unity and cooperation in the church
- 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
 - Consider what community looks like for your family, and seek to make one active step in the next week in pursuing a friendship or relationship. It could be a phone call, a meal, or an activity, but connect with another person and seek to build them up 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 MATTHEW 22:37-39

- *For our older kids we are doing the full verse:*
 - “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
- *For our younger kids we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:*
 - “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind”

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.