



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

“THE GOLDEN CALF” EXODUS 32;34

God's people sinned against God, and Moses asked God to forgive them. Moses acted as their mediator, standing for them before God. Moses could not do anything to make up for their sin, but we have a better Mediator—Jesus. Jesus paid for our sin on the cross and stands for us before God. When we trust in Jesus, our sins are forgiven.

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 God is holy and separate from sin. His law shows us what He requires—perfect righteousness. Our sin separates us from God, but Jesus came to bring us back to God. Jesus is perfectly righteous. When we trust in Jesus, He takes away our sin and welcomes us into God's family. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Exodus 32 and 34, 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. Moses and God were on the top of Mount Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights, and the Israelites got impatient and anxious waiting for Moses to return.

- Why were God's people impatient, and what was the fallen condition of their heart in that? What are some things that make you feel impatient, and what truths of God are you prone to forget in those times?
2. The Israelites turned to someone/something other than God.
 - What is an idol? What are some things that can be idols for us? Why is God so frustrated when we turn our attention and worship to idols?
 - Is God mean or wrong to punish sin? What does it mean that God is just?
 3. God showed compassion and grace, but won't leave the guilty unpunished.
 - Moses acted mediator, standing for them before God. He was the person between God and the people. But could Moses make up for their sin? Who is the one who actually could make up for sin?
 - How is Jesus our true mediator? How does Jesus take the consequences for our sin, and what does that mean for us? What does that say about who God is and how He loves His people?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray for God to expose the idols in your own heart, and pray for Him to encourage your heart towards keeping Him as the most important thing in all areas of your life
- 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
 - Repent of idols in your life, and make a small practical step to move from it.
- 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 EXODUS 15:2

- *For our older kids we are doing the full verse:*

- "The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him."
- *For our younger kids we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:*
 - "The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

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.