



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

“THE TABERNACLE WAS BUILT” EXODUS 35-40

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'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. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Exodus 35-40, 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 word tabernacle means “dwelling place”

- Last week's lesson focused on how the Israelites had idols other than God. With this in mind, why is it significant that God chose to dwell on earth with the Israelites?
 - Those who worked on the tabernacle and those who donated materials were said to be "willing". Why is it important to have a willing heart when going communing with God? What are practices that soften your heart towards God?
2. Jesus is the New Testament fulfillment of the Old Testament tabernacle. People no longer had to go to a temple to worship God because Jesus made his dwelling place with people.
- Why is Jesus's death on the cross significant for our relationship with God? Who can have this relationship with God through Jesus?
 - What does it mean for Jesus to dwell with you? How do you experience Jesus dwelling with you?
 - Are there ways as a family that we can spend time with Jesus together?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray for God to help your family experience the truth that God chose to dwell with you by sending his son, Jesus, and that because of Jesus we no longer have to go to a temple to experience him but have a personal and communal relationship with him.
- 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
 - Schedule time each day, even 5 minutes, to dwell with Jesus and to thank him for dwelling with you.
- 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.