



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

“RULES FOR SACRIFICE” EXODUS 15:2

The sacrifices God required of His people were a hint of what God was going to do to forgive sinners. We no longer need to offer sacrifices because we trust in Jesus. Jesus offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice that takes away our sin once and for all.

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 instructed the Israelites to build a tabernacle where He would dwell with them. God desires to be with His people. As part of His plan to save sinners, God sent Jesus to “tabernacle,” or dwell, with people on earth. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Exodus 15:2, 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. Even though we no longer have to perform the sacrifices laid out in Leviticus, it is still important for us to have that book in our Bibles to understand God's holiness and grace.
 - What is the significance behind the all the sacrifices in Leviticus? Why would God care if his people sinned? Refer to Leviticus 19:2 for biblical context.

- Instead of seeing the list of sacrifices as rules to follow, how can you interpret them as God's grace and mercy?
2. Because of Jesus's death and resurrection-the ultimate sacrifice-we do not need to perform the Old Testament sacrifices.
- Read Romans 6:23. What does Jesus's death protect us from and give to us? What does it mean that our sins are forgiven?
 - If Jesus is our sacrifice for our sins, do we still need to ask God for forgiveness when we sin?
 - How does Jesus's sacrifice for your sins give you hope?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Praise God for sending his only son, Jesus, as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Ask him to reveal areas in your life that you need to ask for forgiveness for and to let Jesus redeem.
- 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
 - Ask God for forgiveness of sins and the strength to turn away from sin that Jesus has already saved you from.
- 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.