



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

"JOSHUA AND CALEB" NUMBERS 13-14

The Israelites rebelled against God because they did not trust Him. Jesus trusted God perfectly. He took the punishment we deserve for our sin, or rebellion against God. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin and gives us eternal life

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 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. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Numbers 13-14, 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 Israelites sinned against God and were punished for their sin by wandering in the wilderness for 40 years.
 - What does it mean to sin?

- Why is God grieved when we sin?
 - How is God still loving when he punishes his people for their sin?
2. We have all sinned and because of our sin we deserve death.
- Why is Jesus's sacrifice on the cross crucial to our faith and for the forgiveness of our sins?
 - Read Num. 14:18a. How does this passage give you hope?
3. Sometimes God feels distant or that he has left us wandering in the wilderness and this makes him hard to trust.
- What are ways that you can be reminded of God's presence and protection, especially when in the wilderness?
 - How did Jesus trust God perfectly?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray for God to help your family experience the redemptive love of Jesus's sacrifice and to seek God when feeling lost in the wilderness.
- 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
 - Share your favorite verse or bible story with your family and/or community and how that story portrays God's love for his people despite their sin. Additionally, share how this story has given you hope in the times that you felt you were in the "wilderness"
- 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 "WANDERING IN THE WILDERNESS") IS PROVERBS 3:5-6

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

- "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."
- *For our younger kids we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:*
 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding."

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.