



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

"THE BRONZE SNAKE" NUMBERS 20-21

The Israelites faced a huge problem because of their sin. God sent snakes to punish Israel, but anyone who was bitten could look at the bronze snake on the pole and live. Because of our sin, we face a huge problem: we are separated from God. We deserve to die, but anyone who looks to Jesus on the cross and trusts in Him will live forever with God.

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 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. The guide from last week can be found [here](#)
- Read through Numbers 20-21, 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. Sometimes it feels that God has led us into the wilderness, stranded without food and water. When reading the memory verses (Prov. 3:5-6) how do they give you hope?

- What are ways to turn to Jesus when in the wilderness?
 - Read Prov. 3:5-6 line by line. What does it mean to “lean not on your understanding” and “In all your ways, acknowledge him”?
2. The Israelites not only complained, they hardened their hearts towards God and did not trust him, ultimately sinning against him
- Despite all of the blessings that you have experienced from God, what prevents you from trusting him fully?
 - Refer to Psalm 105. Why is it important to remind ourselves of God’s works and promises?
 - What are the promises and ways that you’ve seen God work in your life?
3. The Israelites deserved death for sinning against God but he chose to save them.
- How has God saved us from our sin?
 - How does understanding God’s love and mercy for us through Jesus help you trust in God?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray to God for you to be able to continuously place your trust in Jesus, no matter the situation, and to be constantly reminded of his love for you through Jesus’ sacrificial death on the cross.
- 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
 - With your children, walk through the major events of the Bible (creation, the fall, Joseph’s story, exodus from Egypt, God providing/guiding in the wilderness, the crucifixion, etc.) to be reminded of God’s love for the Israelites and for you. Then, share stories of how you have seen God provide and guide you in your lives. Encourage your children to share their experiences too.
- 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.