



# RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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## What We're Learning This Week

### **“BALAAM AND BALAK” NUMBERS 22-24**

Balaam could not curse God's people. God had blessed the Israelites, so Balaam blessed them too. Fourteen hundred years after Balaam announced God's promise, Jesus was born. God sent Jesus to bless the whole world by rescuing his people from sin.

## 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 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. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Numbers 22-24, 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 were constantly swarmed with enemies. Yet God had kept his promise to keep them as his people and he protected them

- How does Balaam being unable to curse the Israelites display God's commitment to his people?
  - What other promise can you find in this passage? (Hint: Numbers 24:17-19).
  - Balak believed in other gods. How does our God prove most powerful?
2. Balaam believed in God but he did not follow God. Despite this, he honored God with his words.
- Read James 3:9-10. How can we use our words for God's glory?
  - Balaam spoke God's words because he feared God. What does it mean to fear God?
  - Balaam put his life at risk by speaking what God said to Balak. As a follower of Jesus, how can you be bold in speaking truth without fearing people's reactions?

### **Discipleship through prayer**

- Take time to pray together as a family.
  - Pray to God that you will unashamedly sing, pray, and share praises and words that honor 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
  - With your children, share stories of how you have seen God protect you or others and how he has fulfilled promises. Additionally, have your child teach you their favorite worship song so you can praise Jesus together.
- 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](mailto: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.