



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

"MOSES' FAREWELL" DEUTERONOMY 31-34

Moses was a good leader for God's people. No other prophet in Israel was like Moses--until Jesus came. The Bible says Jesus deserves more glory than Moses. Jesus is our perfect leader. He died and was raised so that Moses and every believer in all of time can enter the promised land of God's kingdom.

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 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. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Deuteronomy 31-34, 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. Read Deuteronomy 31:6-7.

- Why can the Israelites have confidence in God that he will never leave nor forsake them? Refer back to the previous lessons of Balaam and Balak and the golden snake for examples of his commitment.
 - What does this mean about God's love for you and how does this passage give you hope in difficult times?
 - Read 2nd Corinthians 3:3-6. Unlike the Israelites, we are healed with the Holy Spirit. How does that change/enhance the meaning of Deuteronomy 31:6-7?
2. Even though God knew that the Israelites were going to turn away from him when Moses died (Deuteronomy 31-32), he maintained his promise of keeping the Israelites his people and providing a Savior.
- What does it mean to be obedient to God? What does that look like for us?
 - Who was the one person who was completely obedient to God? What did his obedience do for us and for all of those who accept him?
 - Why is it important that Moses wrote down the laws and commandments?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray to God for your family to be strong and courageous, and to trust in God to guide your steps.
- 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, read the memory verse together and practice it together. Practice memorizing other memory verses to become more familiar with the Bible.
- 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.