



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

"CROSSING THE JORDAN" **JOSHUA 1-4**

God went ahead of Joshua and the Israelites into the promised land. He showed His power to them so they would trust in Him. When Jesus came to earth, He showed His power so people would trust in him and be saved 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 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. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Joshua 1-4, 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. God told Joshua to not be afraid and discouraged for God is with him wherever he goes (Joshua 1:7-9). When they were about to cross the Jordan River, the Israelites were afraid but God provided a way for them
 - How can we trust God and move forward even when we feel afraid?

- After crossing the river, the Israelites made a memorial. Why is it important to give thanks to God?
- Multiple times, God states that he will lead the Israelites. Why is it important to let God lead?
- Why is it sometimes hard to let God lead your life? How do you remind yourself to let God be in control?
- Why is important to read the Bible and to spend time with God every day?
- The Israelites were lost and then crossed the river to the promised land. What did Jesus do to give us life instead of death?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray to God to give you courage when going through a difficult time and to let him lead your life. Give thanks to him for the times that he has provided for you to remember his faithfulness.
- 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 about when it was scary to trust God but when you relied on God to give you courage, he led you through the situation. Then give thanks to God with your children, reminding them to praise the LORD for his love and provision.
- 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 “CONQUERING THE LAND”) IS DEUTERONOMY 31:8

- *For our older kids we are doing the full verse:*
 - "It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."
- *For our younger kids we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:*

- "The LORD...will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you."

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.