



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

“TAKING THE LAND” JOSHUA 10-11;24

Joshua's name means “The LORD is salvation,” God fought for Joshua and the Israelites, saving them and giving them victory over their enemies. Sinners can look to God for victory over sin and death. God brought us salvation by sending His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and rise again.

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 by faith Rahab believed God would win the battle, and she asked the spies to show mercy to her family and keep them safe. When the Israelites attacked Jericho, Rahab and her family received mercy and became part of God's people. Jesus has won against sin and death. Everyone who trusts in Jesus receives mercy and becomes part of God's family forever. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Joshua 10-11 & 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. Before attacking the cities, God reminded Joshua to not be afraid (Joshua 10:8). Recall the promise God gave Moses (Deuteronomy 31:3-6)

- Multiple times, God states that he will lead the Israelites into victory. What does this tell us about the character of God?
 - Why is it important to let God lead? How is that easy and how is that difficult?
 - What does it look like to take courage in the LORD?
2. God provided the Israelites physical victory over their enemies and then rest and peace. How has God given us spiritual victory? How do we obtain rest and peace now?
- Why is it dangerous to believe in other gods/idols?
 - What does it look like to obey God? What are some ways to practice that in your life?
3. Joshua reminded the Israelites of all the promises that God has kept (ch. 24).
- Why is it important to remember what God has done for us?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray to God for him to make you into a family that loves God and will obediently follow him, even during hardships. And for you and your children to consistently choose God over idols.
- 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, make a time-line of your lives. Highlight the hardships and describe how God was working in those times. Include the times of peace and rest and how you saw God working in those times. Include the time that you accepted Jesus as your LORD and explain to your children what that means. Help them make a time-line of their lives and for them to remember how God has been working in their lives
- 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.