



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

April 21, 2019

What We're Learning This Week

"JESUS' CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION" **MATTHEW 26-28**

The death and resurrection of Jesus is the center of the gospel. We deserve to die because of our sins, but Jesus died in our place. Because Jesus is alive, we do not need to fear anything. Those who trust in Jesus have forgiveness and eternal life, and we can joyfully obey him.

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 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. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Matthew 26-28, 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. Talk about the Gospel together as a family and ask your kids what it means about God, about them, and about our world.
 2. Why is Jesus's death and resurrection essential for Christians?
 - What does it mean to be forgiven?

- What does it look like to lay down your life for someone else?
 - Where is Jesus today? Read Matthew 28:20b.
 - What does it mean to “make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19)?
3. Read Matthew 26:39.
- How does this verse encourage you?
 - What does it mean about Jesus’s faithfulness and obedience to God?
 - Sometimes what God needs us to do, we don’t want to do or it is terrifying. What do you do and/or pray in these times to be obedient to God’s will?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Thank God for his love and mercy for sending us Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. Pray to God that your children will entrust their lives to Jesus and follow him. Pray for those who don’t know Jesus to come to know him and to him their savior.
- 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
 - Ask your children if they have or want to make Jesus their Savior (don’t assume they have if you have not had this discussion before)! Talk to your children about what it looks like to accept Jesus and pray with them to accept him if they want to make him savior of their lives. If they have already accepted Jesus as savior, tell them how you have accepted Jesus as your savior and what means to live with him as king of your heart!
- 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.