



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

"ISRAEL'S UNFAITHFULNESS" JUDGES 1-3

The judges saved the people from the consequences of their sin, but not the cause of it. God's plan was to one day send a true Deliverer—Jesus, His own Son—to be the King of His people. Jesus saves people from sin forever.

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 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. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Judges 1-3, 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. After Joshua died, the Israelites fell into a pattern: sin, bondage, crying out to God, and deliverance. Sin always led to bondage.
- Why is it important to obey God's law and how do we set our hearts on his law and not on sin? (Supplemental verses: Joshua 2:10b; Deuteronomy 11:18-20; Proverbs 2:1-5)

- One of the main ways the Israelites sinned was by worshipping other gods. What are things that you worship that are not God?
 - How do we become free from the bondage of sin?
 - What does it mean to repent from sin?
2. Crying out to God led to God delivering his people.
- What does it look like to “cry out” to God?
 - God’s timing is not often fast enough for us, therefore, how do you take courage and maintain hope when he is “slow” to answer?
 - Similar to the second question, who has God provided as our ultimate deliverer?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray to God for him to be the top priority in your lives. Ask for forgiveness from your sins and for God to help you turn away from those sins.
- 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 what are some ways that they have sinned against God, their parents, or siblings. Guide them in asking for forgiveness and identifying ways to repent from that sin. Encourage them throughout the week to remember the ways they identified to turn away from that sin!
- 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 “THE CYCLE OF JUDGES”) IS 1 JOHN 1:9

- *For our older kids we are doing the full verse:*
 - “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

- *For our younger kids we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:*
 - "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us."

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.