



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

April 7, 2019

What We're Learning This Week

"THE BATTLE OF JERICOH" JOSHUA 2:6

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.

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 God went ahead of Joshua and the Israelites into the promised land. He showed his people 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. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Joshua 2 and 6, 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. How did Rahab show incredible faith, specifically in chapter 2?

- Rahab said that “We have HEARD how the LORD...your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below” which means that the news of our LORD was spreading. Why must we share the good news of Jesus?
 - What does it mean to fear the LORD?
 - Read Matthew 1:5. How did God bless Rahab for giving up her previous identity and becoming a daughter of God?
 - Who can enter God's kingdom?
2. In regard to chapter 6, how did the Israelites show faith when attacking Jericho? A helpful supplemental verse is Hebrews 11:30.
- Why did Joshua command the troops to give all the silver, gold, and articles of bronze and iron to the LORD? Why was this city devoted to the LORD?
 - Why was it important of the Israelites to be obedient to these commands? Why is it important for us to be obedient to God?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray to God to give you faith like Rahab to believe in God's will for you and pray for friends, family, and strangers who do not know Jesus to come to believe in Jesus.
- 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, pray each day for a specific person that they would like to see know and accept Jesus as their savior.
- 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.