



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

“RUTH AND BOAZ”

RUTH

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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 Samson's sin led to his own death, but God used his death to save the Israelites from their enemies. Samson's story reminds us of Jesus. Jesus never sinned, but God sent him to die on the cross and rise again to rescue people from sin and give them eternal life. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through the book of Ruth, 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 with your children how Boaz is a representation of Jesus.
 - How is Jesus our guardian redeemer?
 - Who did Jesus come to save?

- How did Boaz take care of the orphan, foreigner, and widow? (Additional scripture: Leviticus 23:22, Deuteronomy 24:21)
 - What are ways that we can be like Boaz, taking care of the orphans, foreigner, widows, and others?
2. Ruth was a Moabite which were a people group that did not accept the Israelites' God as their god.
- Why is Ruth 1:15-16 a testament of Ruth's faith?
- Read Ruth 2:10 and 2:12. Why did Ruth find favor from Boaz?
 - Read Matthew 1:5. Whose name is mentioned and why is this important?
 - Discuss with your child how God is the same in the Old and New Testament (extra focus on accepting non-Israelites into the family of God).

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray to God for him to show you ways to help those around you, whether it be in your school, neighborhood, or church. Pray that you can extend the love of God onto others.
- 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 can help take care of those who are in need. Write a letter, create a small care package, or visit someone who may be going through a difficult time. Explain to your child that it is a call from Jesus to take care of those less fortunate and one way to do that is by extending the love of God to others.
- 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.