



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

"HANNAH AND SAMUEL" **1 SAMUEL 1-3**

Samuel used God's words to tell the people what God is like. John 1:1 says that Jesus is the Word. Jesus—the Son of God—told the world about God's plan and showed what God is like.

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 Boaz was a family redeemer. He helped his close relatives who were in trouble. Boaz cared for Ruth and Naomi because their husbands had died. In a similar way, Jesus is our Redeemer. We need help because we sin. Jesus bought our salvation for us by taking our punishment when he died on the cross. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through the book of 1 Samuel 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. Samuel heard God's voice. Samuel responded with "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:10) and then later on it says that "The LORD was with Samuel..."(3:19).
 - How do we listen and speak to God today?

- How is God with us now? What had to take place in order for us to have a relationship with our Father? (additional resources: Psalm 40:8, 2 Cor. 3:2-3).
 - What are daily or weekly disciplines that you can practice to walk with God?
2. The LORD answered Hannah's prayer request by giving her a son. However, Hannah remained devoted to the LORD and offered what she longed for the most back to God.
- How do you remain focused on the Giver and not the gifts?
 - What are ways to delight in gifts without forgetting God?
 - Hannah must have trusted that God was good in order for her to be willing to devote her son to him. What are ways that you have seen God answer prayer that remind you of his faithfulness and goodness?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray to God for him to show reveal himself to you in ways that you can know it's God (through scripture, prayer, friends, etc.). Pray to have a heart that is willing to listen to God and to walk faithfully with him
- 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
 - Identify one discipline that you and your children can do as a family this week. It may be reading one verse each night, practicing the memory verse, praying together, praising God for answered prayers, or more! Because Jesus died for us, we now have the opportunity to be in a unique relationship with our Father through the Word!
- 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 "SAMUEL AND KING SAUL") IS JEREMIAH 10:6

- *For our older kids we are doing the full verse:*
 - "There is none like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is great in might."

- For our younger kids we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:
 - " There is none like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is great in might."

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.