



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

"DAVID WAS ANOINTED" **1 SAMUEL 16-17**

David did not look like a king or a mighty warrior, but God chose him to be king over Israel and gave him victory over Goliath. The Israelites were too weak and afraid to face Goliath; they needed David to fight on their behalf. In a similar way, though Jesus did not look like a warrior or king, we need Him to fight for us. Jesus gave us victory over sin and death.

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 intended for a heavenly king to rule over Israel, but the Israelites did not trust God's plan and wanted a king like the nations around them. God gave them a king, but Saul did not obey God. God had a plan to send His Son, Jesus. King Jesus trusted and obeyed God perfectly and died so sinners could be forgiven and accepted. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through the book of 1 Samuel 16-17, 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. Read 1 Sam. 16:7. The LORD said that He looks at the heart, not at the things people look at.

- What kind of qualities/characteristic express a heart set on Jesus?
 - Additional verses: Galatians 5:19-24; Deuteronomy 6:5; Deuteronomy 10:12-21.
- Read Isaiah 53:2. It says, “He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him” (53:2b). This passage is about Jesus.
- What is the significance of this verse in the Bible? If you were around for the Mark series that Jeremy preached, Jeremy often referred to Jesus “redefining” kingship. One way was through not looking like a king! For more resources, [here is a link](#) to the Mark series.

2. David gives God credit for safety, provision, and victory four times in 1 Sam. 17.

- What does it look like to give glory to God rather than yourself for accomplishments?
- David was fighting against Goliath. How does this story give you confidence when facing circumstances that seem unsurmountable?
- David fought for Israel and saved them from death. How does David reflect Jesus?
- What has Jesus saved us from and how is Jesus the ultimate king?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray to God for unshakeable faith that withstands all circumstances that is a result of a genuine heart that loves and serves our LORD.
- 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
 - Deuteronomy 6:6-7 says “These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.” Set time aside throughout the week to praise God for his provision and to pray together as a family. Encourage your children to find something, no matter how small, to praise Jesus for and then encourage them to pray to have a faithful 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 “GREAT KIND DAVID”) IS PSALM 145:13

- *For our older kids we are doing the full verse:*
 - “Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.”
- For our younger kids we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:
 - “Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.”

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.