



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

July 14, 2019

What We're Learning This Week

"DAVID'S COVENANT" **2 SAMUEL 9**

King David showed surprising kindness to Mephibosheth even though he didn't have to. In a greater way, God shows surprising kindness to us. Because of Jesus, He invites us into His family and gives us life with Him 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 promised David that every future king of Israel would come from David's family, and David's kingdom would last forever. God kept His promise by sending His Son, Jesus, as one of David's descendants. Jesus is our King who will rule over God's people forever. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through 2 Samuel 9, 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. David remembered the promise he made to his best friend Jonathan and was determined to keep it.

- What do you think were David's motivations for being kind and gracious to Mephibosheth? How had David been dealt with by God, and how do you think that shaped his heart?
 - How can showing kindness help others understand the kindness of God?
2. David was abundant with his kindness, going above and beyond what many would consider a normal amount
- Why do you think David was so generous? What do you think that tells us about the generosity of God?
 - In what ways is God's kindness surprising? In what ways is it not?
 - Where else in Scripture do we recall the kindness of God? How is Jesus the ultimate example of this?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Praise God for His incredible kindness to us, especially by sending Jesus, and pray God would transform our hearts into people that reflect His kindness to those around us.
- 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
 - Be thoughtful about recognizing moments where you see your kids either receiving or showing kindness and be sure to highlight it. Ask if there are any people they specifically want to grow in kindness towards and practice it together.
- 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.