



# RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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## What We're Learning This Week

### **“DAVID SINNED AND WAS RESTORED” 2 SAMUEL 11-12; PSALM 51**

When David sinned against God, God forgave him, but sin always comes with a price. God spared David's life, but David's son died. When we sin, we deserve death. But we can receive God's forgiveness because God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay the price for our sin.

## 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 11-12 + Psalm 51, 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 sinned and then tried to hide his sin.
    - What are some reasons that David tried to hide his sin from others and from God? What are some reasons we try to do the same?

- Why can't we hide sin from God? In what ways is this comforting and what ways is it a little scary?
2. This story brings up an interesting conversation of the complimenting-but-different roles of forgiveness and consequences.
- What is forgiveness? Can forgiving someone still mean that there are consequences for the hurt?
  - How did God forgive David, and in what ways did He still implement consequences?
  - Even if there are consequences, will we ever be separated from God if we trust in Jesus? How do we know?
  - How does God help cultivate not just a changed lifestyle but a new heart for those who ask for forgiveness and repent? How do we see that in Psalm 51.

### **Discipleship through prayer**

- Take time to pray together as a family.
  - Pray through Psalm 51 together and ask God to forgive us of our sins
- 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
  - Read Psalm 51 and talk about what we need forgiveness for. Remind your kids that God will always forgive those who repent and turn back to Him, then pray together and ask for that forgiveness.
- 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](mailto: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.