



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

"GOD'S COVENANT WITH DAVID" 2 SAMUEL 6-7

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.

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 David showed mercy to Saul, his enemy, because David trusted God's plan. Jesus also trusted His Father's plan. He died on the cross so His enemies could experience God's mercy and live forever as part of God's family. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through 2 Samuel 6-7, 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 wanted to honor God by making Him a large house, but God didn't ask for it. He instead reminded David of all that He (God) had done for David and for the His people.
 - What had God done for David? How do you think that affected David's ability to trust God's promise about the future?

- - How does reflecting on the faithfulness of God throughout the Bible and in our own lives help us to trust God's promises?
 - Who would ultimately be the one who would perfectly build God's kingdom on earth? How did He do it?
2. The covenant God made to His people in that day are still true today.
- Why is God's covenant with David special to us today? Who does that covenant ultimately foreshadow? How did God keep His promise to David?
 - How does something that happened so long ago apply to our lives today?
 - Why is it better to live in God's kingdom rather than to live for ourselves?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray to God to help Him remind your family of His faithfulness to you, to our church, to this city, and to the world! Pray for god's Kingdom to continue to reign.
- 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
 - Go through the genealogy of Jesus together and talk about how God was faithful throughout so many generations!
- 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.