



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

“SOLOMON BUILT THE TEMPLE” 1 KINGS 6-8

The temple was a place where God was with His people. The people could go there to make sacrifices and worship God. Today, when we trust in Jesus, He is with us wherever we go. We can look to Him for forgiveness and help

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 Wisdom in the Bible shows us how to be like Jesus—in how we live, how we speak, and how we think. But wisdom cannot save us. Only Jesus, who perfectly followed God's wise plan, can rescue us from sin. Jesus surrendered His own life to die on the cross for our sin. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through parts of 1 Kings 6-8. 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. God led His people to build a temple where He would dwell with them.
 - Why did Solomon build a temple to God? Why was he the one to do it, and not his father David?

- The temple was massive and incredibly impressive. Why did the people want it to be so beautiful? What did that represent?
 - What was the significance of the ark of the covenant in the temple?
2. The temple that Solomon built was where people went to meet with God.
- Why was that necessary in those times? Why don't people have to go to a temple now to meet with God?
 - What does it mean that people who trust in Christ are now the dwelling place of God?
 - How do you feel about communicating with God? What are ways that it is exciting and what are ways that you feel fearful/nervous?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray for Christ to dwell with everyone in your family, and pray to Him who is consistently with us and gives us access to God no matter where we are.
- 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
 - Talk about what it means for God to dwell with His people and the significance of that.
- 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 “WISE KING SOLOMON”) IS JAMES 1:5

- *For our older kids we are doing the full verse:*
 - “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.”
- *For our younger kids we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:*
 - “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God.”

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.