



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

August 25, 2019

What We're Learning This Week

"THE KINGDOM DIVIDED" **1 KINGS 11-12**

King Solomon failed to lead God's people perfectly. God's people needed a better king, a perfect king! Through David's family, God would send His own Son, Jesus Christ, to be a perfect King over God's people forever. Jesus is greater than Solomon. Jesus brings His people together and leads them back to God.

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 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. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through parts of 1 Kings 11-12. Pray and ask God to reveal Himself to you + 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. King Solomon, for all of his wisdom, was not fully devoted to God. He gradually abandoned what he believed, just like Israel had often done.

- What are some ways that we are tempted to be distracted from following God? What are some of the strongest temptations in our city around us?
 - How is Jesus a greater King than any earthly king could ever be?
2. God was angry with Solomon but He still graciously left one tribe for Rehoboam so that He would uphold His promise to David. The Kingdom of God was separated into two kingdoms: Israel and Judah.
- What hope do people have even when our lives are distorted by sin?
 - What ways has God shown you grace? How does that impact your relationship with Him and what does it tell you about His character?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Praise God for His grace even when we sin, and pray for continued endurance to follow Him. Ask God for unity between the church and God.
- 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
 - Continue to call out temptation by name so that your family can recognize that we are consistently in need of turning away from temptation and back towards God.
- 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.