



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

“SOLOMON ASKED FOR WISDOM” 1 KINGS 2-3

Solomon was a wise king who wanted to do God's plan. Solomon wasn't perfect, but God had a plan to give His people a greater and wiser king—His Son, Jesus. Jesus completely trusted God. Jesus surrendered His own life to die on the cross 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 David compared God's love, protection, and guidance for His people to that provided by a shepherd for his sheep. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He laid down His life to save people from sin. Because of Jesus, we have hope that one day we will live with God forever. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through 1 Kings 2-3, 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. Early in Solomon's reign, God appeared to him in a dream. "What should I give you?" God asked. Solomon's response set him apart from many other kings. He asked for wisdom from God.
 - Why do you think Solomon asked for wisdom instead of something else?

- If you were a king or queen and God offered to give you anything you asked for, what request would you make?
 - What is wisdom? Where does wisdom come from? And how do we receive more wisdom?
 - Take a look at the book of James together to learn more about this!
 - Why do you think people sometimes refuse to seek wisdom from God?
2. Solomon's heart was surrendered to God and was a wise king, but he wasn't perfect.
- How is Jesus greater than Solomon?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray and ask God for wisdom for your family, for our church, and for others you know.
- 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 talk about what it means to be wise, how Jesus is the source of wisdom, and opportunities to grow in wisdom.
- 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.