



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

"ISRAEL TAKEN CAPTIVE" **2 KINGS 17**

When the Israelites disobeyed God again and again, God punished them by removing them from His presence. We disobey God, but Jesus took the punishment for our sin upon Himself. Jesus brings us into God's presence and keeps us there.

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 used Hosea's unfaithful wife to show the people of Israel that they were unfaithful to Him. God gave Hosea a deep love; Hosea was willing to buy back Gomer even after all she had done. God's love is deep, and it never gives up. He goes after His people and paid a great price to get us back. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through 2 Kings 17. 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. God's people had a history of disobeying Him and being forgiven by God - and then continuing to sin again. God had been very patient but knew His people would not love Him with all their hearts.

- Why were the people of Israel worshipping other things that were not God? Are we like that today? How?
 - Why did God allow the Assyrians to capture Israel? Did God give up on His people?
2. Israel's exile was God's judgment on their sin, but God was not finished working among His people. God was still working out His plan to keep His covenant promises. We too disobey God, but Jesus took God's judgment for our sin upon Himself. Jesus changes our hearts, brings us into God's presence, and keeps us there.
- How can God still be good when He disciplines His people? How does God punish our sin, and how does Jesus' death on the cross affect that?
 - Would it be loving for God to let His people continue to live in sin?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Confess, repent, and pray for forgiveness from God. Thank Jesus that He took the punishment for our sin.
- 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
- 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 "THE NORTHERN KINGDOM OF ISRAEL") IS 2 PETER 3:9

- *For our older kids we are doing the full verse:*
 - "The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."
- *For our younger kids we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:*
 - "The Lord ... is patient toward you, ... wishing ... that all should reach repentance."

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.