



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

“HEZEKIAH AND JOSIAH” 2 CHRONICLES 29; 34-35

Hezekiah and Josiah loved God and wanted to follow His commands. They wanted God's people to love God and obey the law too. When Jesus came to earth, He fulfilled the law by obeying it perfectly.

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 planned all along that Jesus would die on the cross for our sin. Seven hundred years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah wrote that this would happen! Jesus is the Servant who suffered so that those who trust in Him would be forgiven. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through 2 Chronicles 29; 34-35. 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. Hezekiah took the throne after evil Ahaz. During Hezekiah's reign, the 2 kingdoms of Israel—which had endured more than 200 years of bad kings—was captured by Assyria and ultimately destroyed. Hezekiah “did what was right in the Lord's sight just as his ancestor

David had done” (2 Chron. 29:2) He destroyed the places of idol worship and cleansed the temple. The Lord was with Hezekiah, and Hezekiah prospered. The people of Judah made Josiah king when he was just 8 years old. Unlike his father - an evil king - Josiah began to seek God. He tore down the altars and idols of false gods, and he initiated the repairing of the Lord’s temple. During the temple repair, the discovery of the book of the law of the Lord led Josiah to make a covenant to follow God and obey His commands. Those who heard the law vowed to do the same. When Josiah died, he was remembered as the greatest king in Judah. (2 Kings 23:25)

- What does the Bible say about godly leadership? What are some characteristics of godly leaders, and how do those characteristics reflect God?
 - What was it that turned these kings back towards Christ? How does God’s Word lead us to repentance and back to Him? Why do we treasure God above other idols?
2. Hezekiah and Josiah loved God and wanted to follow His commands. They wanted God’s people to love God and obey the law too. When Jesus came to earth, He fulfilled the law by obeying it perfectly.
- Why is the Bible such an important text for following Christ? How are we invited to treasure God’s Word through this passage? What does it mean that God’s Word is living and active, and how does that shape our view of it/God?
 - Why is it good news that Jesus fulfilled the law and obeyed God perfectly? What does that say about who He is, and what does it say about who we are in response to that?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray and ask God for a delight in His word and a diligence to be committed to the spiritual discipline of engaging with His living word daily.
- 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 CHRONICLES 7:14

- *For our older + younger kids we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:*
 - “If my people ... turn from their wicked ways, then I will ... forgive their sin and heal their land.”

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.