



# RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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## What We're Learning This Week

### “JEREMIAH, PROPHET TO JUDAH” JEREMIAH

Jeremiah told about a day when God would forgive sin and change people's hearts. Jesus made these words come true. God forgives our sin through His Son, Jesus. He changes us and gives us power through His Spirit to obey His commands.

## 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 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. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through the book of Jeremiah. 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. As evidenced in the callings of Noah, Abraham, Moses, and others, each time God calls someone, He equips that person to do His work.
    - Why was Jeremiah hesitant about the calling God had placed on him? What was he forgetting about God's faithfulness?

- What is a prophet? How did God work through them in the Old Testament, and why did He need to?
2. Judah was deep in idol worship and other sins. God punished the unfaithfulness of Israel by sending the Northern Kingdom into exile. Now God's judgment was coming for Judah, and Jeremiah's job was to warn them.
    - How did Jeremiah try to warn the people? Did they listen/respond to God's message? What happened as a result?
  3. Along with the warnings, Jeremiah brought a message of hope. Jeremiah told God's people about a new and better covenant. He prophesied about a day when God would forgive sin and write His law on the hearts of His people. The new covenant promised that God would forgive sin.
    - How does God forgive sin? What do we humans need to do in order to receive forgiveness from God? What does this tell us about God?
    - Did Jesus come to get rid of the law? How did He fulfill the law? And how does Jesus change our hearts/give us power to obey His commands?

### **Discipleship through prayer**

- Take time to pray together as a family.
  - Pray and thank God that He sent His son Jesus for the forgiveness of 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 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](mailto: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.