



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

"HABAKKUK THE PROPHET" **HABAKKUK**

Habakkuk lived at a time when evil seemed to be everywhere. By faith, he trusted God's promise that God would deliver His people. Injustice, violence, and wickedness surround us today, but we can live by faith and trust that Jesus will return to make all things right.

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 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. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through the book of Habakkuk. 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 ways are higher than our ways, and His thoughts are higher than our thoughts. He often calls us to be patient and wait upon Him, even as things happen around us that we don't understand.

- What do we learn about who God is from His call for us to be patient and wait upon Him? How has God demonstrated patience first?
 - How do patience and waiting tie in with faith?
 - Are there times that we can question God in making us wait? How do you think God feels when we cry out and ask questions about His timing or Him allowing things to happen? How does that contrast with questioning God's character in allowing things to happen?
2. God eventually answered the cries and questions of Habakkuk. He was going to raise up the Babylonians, and they would hold captive the people of Judah. Habakkuk prayed again. God answered again. The Babylonian captivity would not last forever. After some time, God was going to rescue His people and punish the Babylonians.
- Why would God allow Babylon to conquer and hold captive God's people? Was God being mean or evil? If not, what caused this?
 - How did God uphold His promises and plan to uphold His future promises throughout this endeavor? How can we trust that God is sovereign over the future? How does God interact with injustice and evil?
 - How are God's people still waiting upon Him today?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Spend time this week being silent in prayer, seeking to be still and listen to God in patience and in waiting.
- 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.