



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

“JUDAH TAKEN CAPTIVE” 2 CHRONICLES 36

God was right to punish His people for their sin, but He kept His promise to provide a king through David's family. Ultimately, God punished our sin through His Son, Jesus, and made Him our King forever.

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 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. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through 2 Chronicles 36. 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 in Judah became captives in the land of Babylon, but that was not the end of their story. God's ultimate plan was not to leave them under their enemies or to let them suffer in their sin.
 - How did God plan to fix what sin broke?

- Is there anything we could do as humans that could break the promise that God made to deliver us out of our sin?
2. In this passage, we see the people of Judah repeatedly reject God's word and His promise of a faithful forgiveness. The passage makes it clear that each king chose to reject the Lord's word and instead they chose to do evil in the eyes of the Lord. God gives each one of the kings a choice yet and even when they choose the path of evil, he graciously offers a new chance at redemption.
- What are some things that get in the way of the each king accepting God's word? What are things that get in the way of us accepting God's word?
 - God allows the people of Judah to turn back to Him but they refuse. The Lord again extends his invitation to all people through Cyrus. What does this show about God's heart? Is the invitation still here?

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.