



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

“EZEKIEL GAVE HOPE” EZEKIEL 37

Apart from Jesus, we are like the dry bones Ezekiel saw. God showed Ezekiel His power to make dead people alive. We see God's power at the cross. Jesus died to save sinners. God raised Jesus from the dead and gives us eternal life.

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 in Judah that 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 [here](#).
- Read through Ezekiel 37. 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. Like the dry bones, we too are dead in sin. Sin separates us from God because He is holy. But God does not delight in our death, He wants us to repent and find freedom in His presence.
 - What does it mean that God is holy? What does this tell us about Him? Can God be holy and kind at the same time?
 - Does confessing our sins bring us closer to God? What has the Lord promised to us in return when we turn away from our sins and idols?

- In this passage God makes the dead come to life. When is another time when God brings the dead to life? When has God made you alive?
2. Hundreds of years after Ezekiel had died, God's presence came to His holy people through Jesus Christ. Jesus is the ultimate source of life and when we accept Him into our hearts, by grace we receive eternal life.
- In Ezekiel, God promises to one day unit all people through one King. Who is this King?
 - What is the gift that God has given to us through Jesus Christ? Does everyone who accepts Jesus into their hearts receive this gift?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Update the section with someone pertaining to this week.
- 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.