



# RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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## What We're Learning This Week

### **"THE FIERY FURNACE" DANIEL 3**

God was with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fire. Only He could rescue them. God rescues us too, through His Son, Jesus. Only Jesus can save us from our sin. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross provided the way for us to be rescued from sin and have 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 that 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. You can access last week's guide by clicking [here](#).
- Read through Daniel 3. 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. Three men from Judah—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—refused to bow down and worship a statue of an idol. They loved and worshiped the one true God. Only He was worthy of their worship. Not even the threat of death could convince the three friends to renounce their loyalty to God.
    - Why is our one true God the only thing worthy of true worship?
    - How did these men have the courage to follow God even in the most terrifying of situations? What does it tell us about the sacrifice of following God and what does it tell

us about the ultimate joy of following God? What does the Bible tell us about bravery, courage, and conviction in the midst of hardship?

2. The friends' trust in God enabled them to stand firm no matter what—even as they were tied up and thrown into the fire
  - Why is God trustworthy? How have we seen that displayed in Scripture?
3. Then something miraculous happened. Nebuchadnezzar saw four men in the fire! They were walking around, unharmed! The Lord not only rescued Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, He was with them.
  - What does this tell us about who God is? How is God with His people?
  - How did Jesus ultimately rescue people?

### **Discipleship through prayer**

- Take time to pray together as a family.
  - Pray for trust in God, for courage to follow Him even when it is hard, and for God to rescue many people who do not yet know Jesus.
- 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 "HOPE IN EXILE") IS 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18**

- *For our older + younger kids we are doing the full verse:*
  - "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"
- *For our younger kids we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:*
  - "Pray constantly, give thanks in everything"

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.