



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

"DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN" **DANIEL 6**

God showed his power to rescue Daniel from the lions, but Daniel was just a small part of a much bigger story. God ultimately rescued us from a much bigger problem— sin and death— through His Son, Jesus.

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 discussed that 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 click [here](#).
- Read through Daniel 6. 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. Daniel chose to continue praying to God, even when the leaders told him that he would get punished for doing so. This shows that Daniel was faithful to God even when it was hard.
 - What do you think Daniel was feeling when he decided to pray to God knowing he could get into trouble? How does God meet us in our fear or worry?
 - Do you think that God was pleased by Daniel's faithfulness? How God first faithful to David?

2. God remained faithful to Daniel and saved him from the lions' den. There was no harm to Daniel because he had trusted God and scripture says that Daniel was seen as blameless before God.
 - Scripture tells us that Daniel prayed to God three times a day. Why is praying important? Do you think that God heard Daniel's prayers?
 - Daniel trusted God and he was saved from the lions. When we trust God what are we saved from? How does Jesus help save us?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Spend time this week being silent in prayer, seeking to trust God, knowing that he hears your prayers.
- 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 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 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.