



# RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

March 22, 2020

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## What We're Learning This Week

### **“THE HOPE OF GOD” VARIOUS SCRIPTURES**

Biblical hope is a confident expectation and desire for something good in the future. As followers of Jesus we believe that God Himself is our hope, and that we can be grateful for what He has already done and we can wait expectantly for He promises to do in the future.

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### **Before we meet together on Sunday**

- Initiate and/or continue conversations as a family regarding everything going on in our world today, how your kids are feeling and processing it all, and how they can still trust in the promises of God through it all. Read through the [Family Resources for Current Events](#) page for equipping and resources for all of that.
- Read through Revelation 21, Isaiah 41, and Romans 15. 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 the kids watch the video on Sunday**

#### **Discipleship Through Scripture and Conversation**

- Talk to your kids about the Bible lesson they watched on video. Ask them to explain what they learned/what stuck out to them in the video, and expand upon the truths of the Bible that they are bringing up. Some helpful conversations this week could be:
  1. In the video, Kevin and Jonathan talked a lot about the word hope.
    - What does it mean to have hope? What does it mean when they told us that the Bible tells us that our hope is in Jesus?
    - What are things that we can be hopeful for aside from Jesus? What is different about the hope we have in Jesus and the hope we have in those things?
    - What are some reasons why people need Jesus' hope?
  2. One element of hoping in Jesus is waiting on Him to return to fulfill all of His promises.

- Why is hard to wait sometimes? What are other things that are hard for you to wait for?
- How does hoping in Jesus help us to grow in patience as we wait? How does waiting help us to know and to love God in deeper ways?

3. Additional questions for Preteen students:

- Watch [this video from the Bible Project](#) that talks more about hope.
- How should our lives look different by having the hope of Jesus? How does it change how you interact with your friends, the way you spend your time, or the decisions you make?
- Who are people you know who don't know Jesus? How can you share the hope of God with them?
- What are some ways you feel pressure to choose to not wait/to instead do things now, even things that you know are not healthy or good? How can hoping in God shape the way you engage in those situations?

**Discipleship through prayer**

- Spend time this week praying together as a family for the hope of Jesus to grow in the hearts of your family. Pray for increased patience and expectancy in waiting. Continue to pray for everything surrounding coronavirus - for safety, for healing, for unity, and for specific people you can serve as a family.
- 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.

## What's Coming Up?

- Stay connected by joining the [RLA Kids page on RLA Connect](#)
- Continue to be informed through the [Family Resources for Current Events](#) page for equipping and resources for all of that.

## Do Your Kids Have Questions About the Video? Want to See Something on the Videos?

We love hearing from you! You can email [kids@realityla.com](mailto:kids@realityla.com) at any time with any feedback or questions that your kids have about the video lesson (or any of your thoughts)...we would love to read some on our next video and answer them! We also them want to see us be silly, so send suggestions in and we will see what we can do. We also love to be praying with and alongside your family, so please send over prayer requests as well (those will be kept off screen, we just want to pray with and for you.)