



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

June 7, 2020

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!

What We're Learning This Week

"MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD" GENESIS 1:27

Our lesson this week covers a lot, starting with what it means to be made in the image of God. We talk about inherent value, the responsibility we have as image bearers, the way the brokenness of the world and sin in our hearts leader to things like racism, and how we can seek restoration, justice, and reconciliation with God and others.

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.

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. Every single human being is made in the image of God.
 - What does it mean to be made in the image of God? What does that mean about who God is, and what does it mean about the value of every single person you will ever see? What responsibility does each image hearer have to God, and what responsibility do we have towards other image bearers?
 2. When we look around we see that there have been and continue to be a lot of times that other people are not being shown the value and respect they deserve as image bearers.
 - What are ways that you see this in your neighborhood and in our city? What are some ways we do this in our own lives and in our own hearts?
 - Racism means devaluing, hurting, or oppressing someone because of the color of their skin. It is wrong, it is sinful, and it is evil. What are the heart issues that are attached to

racism? How do those heart issues become harmful decisions + actions? How does this happen in your heart...be honest and transparent about this.

- What are areas of your heart that are prone to forget God's truths and to turn towards devaluing other humans? How does God offer forgiveness, and how can we seek reconciliation and justice with others? How is Jesus our ultimate hope in this?
- If you have been mistreated because of the color of your skin, what did that feel like? What emotions did it bring up? What does God say about your value, and how does God promote you seeking justice and equality in these areas that you have been so wronged in?
- How can we as followers of Jesus view diversity? What does it say about who God is? How can we pursue unity in while still celebrating diversity? How is the Gospel the only true way to seek reconciliation and equality, and what is your role in actively pursuing the dignity of all human beings?

3. Additional resources for Preteen students:

- Watch [this video](#) from the Bible Project on the Image of God.

Discipleship through prayer

- Spend time this week praising God for making every human being in His image! Pray for God to bring conviction of the ways you have not treated others as image bearers of God and to lead you into repentance and asking for forgiveness. Pray for a right view and heart for your family and for tangible ways to actively seek to be anti-racist. Continue to pray for everything surrounding the coronavirus and racial equality in our country - 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?

- Follow us on Instagram for daily story time! Our handle is [@RealityLAKids](#)
- 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 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 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.)