

RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

October 25, 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

"WILL GOD KEEP HIS PROMISES?" NUMBERS 13

God makes a lot of promises in the Bible, and some seem way too good to be true. So it makes us think: will God always keep His promises? Numbers 13 reminds us that God has never failed to uphold HIs promises and that He never will. That doesn't mean scary things won't happen or that there will be no obstacles in life, but it means that when we do encounter those things, we can move forward trusting God's faithfulness rather than moving forward in fear. The Israelites forgot this as they were approaching the Promised Land. We can be certain of this because Jesus' life, death, and resurrection were proof that God kept His biggest promise: to rescue us from sin and to restore the broken world. If He could keep that promise - the biggest one EVER - he could never fail at keeping the rest!

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 <u>Family Resources for Current Events</u>
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. The Israelites had forgotten that God is always faithful to keep His promises.
 - What are some examples you can find in Scripture of God keeping promises He has made? What does that tell us about who God is?
 - What are some things that make it hard to trust God's promises? What are we forgetting about God in those times? Is it ok to feel afraid/overwhelmed by obstacles but still trust God?

- What are some of God's promises that are encouraging to you? Why? What do they remind you about God?
- How is Jesus the ultimate proof of God keeping His promises? How does that shift our hearts from fear to faith?
- 2. Additional resources for Preteen students:
 - Watch this video from the Bible Project on the book of Numbers.

Discipleship through prayer

- Spend time this week praising God for the ways that He has kept every promise He has ever made, ultimately for His promises of sending Jesus to rescue us. Ask God to help you grow from fear to faith with large obstacles or scary things in your life. 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 <u>@RealityLAKids</u>
- Stay connected by joining the <u>RLA Kids page on RLA Connect</u>
- Continue to be informed through the <u>Family Resources for Current Events</u> 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 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.)