



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

October 4, 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

“DOES GOD CARE?” NUMBERS 11:1-9

Our lesson this seeks to answer the question “Does God Care?”, a question especially pertinent to the Israelites as they wandered throughout the desert for 40 years. We learn about the distinction between sinful complaining and sharing our honest feelings with God. We also learn that God deeply cares for us in all things, ultimately by sending His Son, Jesus..

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. The Israelites were in tough situation, but they resorted to complaining + distrust rather than lamenting + faith.
 - What are the distinctions between complaining with distrust and lamenting with faith? How is this sinful? What aspects of who God is/His character are missed when we do this?
 - What does it look like to lament and ask hard questions of God, but with trust?
 2. God has proven that He deeply cares in millions of different ways, ultimately through sending His Son Jesus to die for us.
 - What ways had God already shown His faithfulness to the people of Israel? What are ways God has shown His care for you in your life thus far?
 - How is Jesus the ultimate proof of God's care? How does Jesus sustain us?

3. Additional resources for Preteen students:

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

Discipleship through prayer

- Spend time this week praying to God and asking Him the hard questions in your heart/ sharing the deep emotions you are feeling. Recount His faithfulness in your life, in the life of others, and in the history of our world. Seek comfort in Jesus' sacrifice and the presence of the Holy Spirit in all things. 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 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.)