



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

November 15, 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

“HOW DOES GOD SAVE?”

NUMBERS 21:4-9

The Israelites complained and turned away from God - again. This time, the consequence is poisonous snakes. They repent and ask Moses to pray to God to take the snakes away. God answers, but not how they expect. He tells Moses to make a bronze snake and lift it on to a pole. If anyone is bitten, they can look to the snake and they will live. This points us straight to the Gospel. John 3 tells us that the Son of Man (Jesus) would also be lifted up - but He would be lifted on to the cross. He took the punishment for our sin (death) on our behalf and gave us new life through His resurrection. All we need to do is look to Him, the object of our faith, and we will be saved for eternity!

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. Israelites were told to look at the bronze snake that had been lifted onto the pole in order to be saved from death.**
 - Why were the people instructed to look at the bronze snake? What did it do? What does it tell us about who is in control/whose power is at work? And what does it tell us about how God rescues His people?
 - What ways are we tempted to figure out our salvation on our own? What does that tell us about our own hearts?
- 2. John 3 says that the Son of Man must also be lifted up.**

- What does this mean? How has Jesus' death on the cross (where He was lifted up) earned us eternal life? What do we need to do to receive it?
- What does it mean to be saved by faith and not by works? What ways do you try to earn God's acceptance/forgiveness rather than receiving it?

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 praising God for the ways that He has saved us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Pray for hearts of obedience that come from the freedom we have in Christ, and pray that we would focus on Jesus, the object of our salvation and our Rescuer. Continue to pray for everything surrounding the coronavirus, the election, 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 in 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.)