



# RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

December 27, 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!

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## What We're Learning This Week

“ADVENT: LOVE”

1 JOHN 3:16-18 + OTHERS

God is love – but what exactly does that mean? It’s hard to pin down an exact definition, but what we do know is that God has demonstrated love for His people in a multitude of ways. There is, however, no greater demonstration of the love of God than Jesus Christ. He loves the way we are supposed to: with humility, sacrifice, selflessness, and so much more. The ultimate example of His love is the cross, where Jesus laid His life down so that we could be forgiven of sin and receive new life. Jesus loves the way we failed to it, and because of that, He changes our hearts and helps us to love the way we should. We can now love because we have first been loved by God, and walk in accordance to the scripture in 1 John 3:16-18 “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.”

## Discipleship Through Scripture + 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. Scripture says that God is love.**

- What does that mean? How has God shown His love throughout history and in Scripture?
- What are some ways you have seen or experience God’s love in your life or someone else’s life?

**2. Jesus Christ is the greatest demonstration of God’s love.**

- How did Jesus live a perfect life of love? How could his death be a perfect act of love?

**3. We can love because God has first loved us.**

- How does the life of Jesus affect how we love God? How about how we love others?
- How does God change our hearts?
- What ways are we called to love others?

**4. Jesus is called “Immanuel”, which means God with us. Advent season is a time to remember the incredible gift of God becoming a man to save us.**

- Talk through the Advent + Christmas story together as a family. What sticks out? What seems too incredible to true? What gives you hope?
- How does knowing that God is with us change our hearts? Our hope? Our lives?
- What does it mean to have hope in God? Why should we put our hope in Jesus?

## **Discipleship Through Prayer**

- Spend time this week praising God for the beauty of the Advent season and the immaculate joy of God sending His Son Jesus. Pray for God to give us hearts and minds that love in response to the love He has first shown us. Pray for opportunities to tangibly love your family, your friends, and your neighbors. 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 all of our RLA Kids news! Our handle is [@RealityLAKids](#)
- Stay connected on big events and announcements 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](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.)