

# RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

April 11, 2021

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

“GROWING IN MATURITY”

*HEBREWS 5:11-6:12*

Maturity is another way of describing how someone is growing. Being a follower Jesus who is maturing means we are growing to becoming more and more like Jesus. Hebrews 5:11-6:12 highlights some of the ways we can know when we are and when we are not maturing in Christ. These things aren't scary tests we have to pass or else God won't love us! No, not at all. That's not how God's love works. But they are good indicators of how we are growing as disciples of Jesus. And how can we mature at all? Because of Jesus! He was perfect in His maturity and following God. He lived a perfect life then died the death we deserve to die, all to cover our failures and immaturities. Then He rose from the dead! He is alive and He has given us new life! He has sent His Holy Spirit to empower us and to help us move towards maturity.

## 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. Hebrews 5:11-6:12 details some of the ways we can know that we are not maturing in Christ.**

- In what ways are we unwilling to listen to God or His instruction? Why is that? How can God help you grow in this area?
- In what ways are you trusting your own plans instead of God's plans? What is at the root of that? How does the Gospel speak into those things?

**2. While not exhaustive, Hebrews 5-6 also detail some ways we can seek to mature in Christ.**

- It is important to know the foundations of the faith. Talk through some of the big elements of Christianity together as a family. That includes things like: who Jesus is, the story of Scripture/the Kingdom of God, what is sin, what it means to be saved, etc.
- Maturity is not a one time thing, it is constant. What areas of your life do you see the maturing process happening? What areas feel more stagnant? What is the fruit of maturity?
- How is Jesus our example, our source, and our motivation for maturity?

## Discipleship Through Prayer

- Spend time this week praising God for growing us as disciples who look more like Him! Pray for God help you confess your sins and areas where you are immature, knowing Jesus has rescued us through his death and resurrection and is continuing this process with you and in you. Continue to pray for everything surrounding the coronavirus, politics, 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 for. 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.
- Join us each week in the RLA Kids Zoom Room at [reality.la/kidszoom](#)

## 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.)