

## RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

May 9, 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

“CLOSE TO GOD”

*HEBREWS 9:1-10*

Because of sin, we are separated from God. But God really wants to be with us even though we have sinned against him. In Hebrews 9:1-10, we learn all about how God made a way to be in the presence of his people during the Old Testament time, and it's something you'll remember we learned all about last year: the tabernacle. The author brings this up to remind the people of who God is and what He does, and to point them forward to what He would ultimately do through Jesus. Even though our sin separates us from God, Jesus's death on the cross makes it possible for all of us to be in God's presence simply by putting our faith in him.

### 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. The tabernacle contained many things that pointed people to who God is and His character.**
  - The lamp stand represented God being a light in the darkness...how do we see that to be true in Scripture? How is Jesus the ultimate light in the darkness of the world?
  - The table and bread represented God's provision...how do we see that to be true in Scripture? What does it mean that Jesus is the bread of life?
  - The incense represented the prayers brought before God...how do we see that to be true in Scripture? What does it mean that Jesus is praying on our behalf?
  - The ark/mercy seat represented God's presence with His people...how do we see that to be true in Scripture? How is Jesus the ultimate example of God being with His people?
- 2. The tabernacle was also the place that sacrifices occurred to forgive people of sin; Jesus is the great high priest who was the ultimate sacrifice for sin.**
  - Why were the old testament sacrifices not enough? Why was Jesus' sacrifice enough?
  - What does His sacrifice mean for us and our relationship with God? How should we respond?

## Discipleship Through Prayer

- Spend time this week praising God for His perfect sacrifice in Jesus! Pray for God to help you recognize how Jesus is the fulfillment of everything in the tabernacle - the light of the world, the bread of life, the one praying on our behalf, and God's presence with us. 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.)