

RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

July 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!

What We're Learning This Week

“A LIFE OF FOLLOWING GOD”

HEBREWS 13:1-6

God desires for us to live holy lives, and this Scripture gives some very practical ways of doing that. Remember, being a follower of Jesus is not about perfect rule following. It's always about trusting in God and what He has done for us. These commands, these “biblical ethics”, are about cultivating a heart and lifestyle characterized by God's love. The commands in this Scripture are: love each other, show hospitality, remember the mistreated, respect other imager bearers in all ways (including in marriage), and trust God's provision. We don't (and can't) be perfect in these things - instead, it's all about looking to and putting our faith in the one who is perfect: Jesus. When we look to Jesus in faith, he empowers us to live lives in obedience to him. Not to earn his love, but because he has already given us his love.

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. We read five different commands in this Scripture.

- Talk through each of the commands together: what are they for? How do they reflect God? How are we empowered to do them? What are ways you desire to grow in this area in your life?
 - Love one another (v. 1)
 - Show hospitality (v. 2)
 - Remember the mistreated (v. 3)
 - Respect other imager bearers in all ways, including in marriage (v. 4)
 - Trust God's provision (v. 5-6)

2. We look to Jesus, the one who perfectly followed God's commands.

- How did Jesus live a perfectly holy life? What does He call us to?
- How have we first been loved by God through Jesus? What does this mean for our lives?

Discipleship Through Prayer

- Spend time this week praising Jesus for the good news of the Gospel and that, when we put our faith in Jesus, we are then compelled to follow Him with the rest of our lives. Pray for God to help you to grow in obedience, not to be loved but because you are loved. 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 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 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.)