

# Reality LA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

September 5, 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

"JACOB"  
GENESIS 26-34

Jacob was shown grace and kindness despite his many failures, like stealing from his older brother...twice! But that was just a small taste of what God would do later on. God sent His Son Jesus despite our failures and our turning away from Him. He gave us everything we would ever need: forgiveness of our sin, taking the consequences Himself, and giving us a new life and a new identity. The story of Jacob reminds us that God is gracious and He provides, even when we fail.

## 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. God showed grace and compassion to Jacob whether he was being faithful or he failed.**
  - What did Jacob do to receive Esau's forgiveness? How did God show kindness to Jacob even when he made mistakes? Are there ways that you need to be shown kindness for mistakes that you have made? How are you treated by God when your faith is in Jesus?
  - How has God ultimately shown us forgiveness through His Son? What does this tell us about who God is, and how should we respond to this good news? How does how God has loved you (unearned, but freely given through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus) change how you live your life and how you worship?
- 2. God gave Jacob a new name + a new identity, both which came from God Himself.**
  - What are some of the things that we find our identity in except God? What's wrong with finding our identity in those things?
  - What does this Scripture tell us about what we need to do to receive salvation? How does this grace of God shape your view of Him + the way you live your life?

## Discipleship Through Prayer

- Spend time this week praising God for being slow to anger, quick to show grace and mercy, and perfect in His forgiveness. Pray for hearts that repent of false idols/identities and are quick to ask for forgiveness/forgive others, just as we have been forgiven. 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?

- We are heading back to Bernstein! Learn all about the move back to the high school [here](#).
- 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 Scripture? 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.)