

Reality LA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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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

“WHAT IS THE CHURCH?”

In today's lesson we learn that the church isn't a place, it's a people - God's people! We gather together to remember the good news of what Jesus has done and then we are sent out to be disciples who make disciples.

Discipleship Through Scripture + Conversation

Talk to your kids about the Bible lesson. 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 church is not a place to go, it is a people - God's people!**
 - What does it mean to be a child of God and to be part of God's family? How do we become this? Or more accurately, what has been done for us in order to become God's family?
 - Why is it better to live with others rather than alone? What are some of the ways God blesses us through His church?
 - What is the difference between the universal church (big C church) and local church (little c church)? What makes the church different from any other group or organization or club?
- 2. The local church (little c church) exists to draw one another nearer to Jesus and to draw others near to Jesus who do not yet know Him.**
 - What are the roles of pastors in the church? What about deacons? What about the responsibilities of all members of the church?
 - What are some things the church is called to do for one another? For those who don't know Jesus?
 - How should the church serve the community around it? What does it mean to be disciples who go forth and make disciples? How can we do that now?

Discipleship Through Prayer

Spend time this week praising God for the church and for bringing us into family. Pray for God to help us to love, serve, and make disciples as the church, and pray for God to bring my in our city into the church.

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.

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 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.)