

Reality LA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

December 12, 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

"ADVENT: JOY"

Advent teaches us what our response to God's good news should be: joy and worship. Joy is a gladness and contentment in your heart no matter the circumstance, all because of who God is and what He has done. Joy comes by knowing Christ!

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. When Jesus was born, King Herod responded in fear and control, while the chief priests responded with indifference.**
 - In what ways are you resisting God's rule over you? Where do you struggle to release control and to trust God above yourself? How does repentance and God's forgiveness address this?
 - In what ways are you apathetic towards God and His pursuing love? What is the difference between knowing about God and knowing God?
 - How are each of these responses rooted in sin? What do you need to confess?
- 2. The wise men responded to this good news a different way: with joy and worship.**
 - What is joy? How is attached to who God is and His character?
 - How has God met our greatest need in Jesus? How does that shape you live in both good times and difficult circumstances? How does that shape how you view God?

Discipleship Through Prayer

Spend time this week praising God for the joy we are able to have in him through His Son Jesus. Confess the ways you cling to control/fear or respond with indifference to His grace. Pray for God to fill our city with true joy and to empower you (by the Holy Spirit) to share the hope of God with others.

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 back at 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 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.)