



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

"JACOB'S NEW NAME"

Jacob wrestled with God and ultimately found out that flourishing comes through confessing our dependence on God. God would again come and encounter His people, this time in Jesus. Thanks to Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we are shown compassion, given a new name, and are drawn into God's family

Discipleship Through Scripture + Conversation

Talk to your kids about the Bible lesson. Ask them to explain what they learned/what stuck out to them, and expand upon the truths of the Bible that they are bringing up. Some helpful conversations this week could be:

1. Jacob wrestled with God all night, refusing to give up until he received a blessing.

- How does God handle Jacob's wrestling and fight? How does He handle us wrestling with Him? What does it tell us about who God is and His character?
- How are dependent on Jesus for everything? How does that change our lives?
- How has God encountered us today? What are the blessings we receive when we trust in Christ? How can we share those blessings with those around us?

2. Jacob met Esau with fear, but Esau met Jacob with grace and love.

- How does this interaction point us to God's character? Why should we forgive others who have wronged us? How have we been forgiven ourselves?
- How can God use difficult circumstances for our good? Why is shaping character so important?

Discipleship Through Prayer

Spend time this week praising God for His glory - that He creates everything, sustains everything, and loves with mercy and justice. Pray for God to reveal areas of your heart that you are prone to turn away from Him and His goodness, ask Him to reveal why, and repent of those things. Pray for God to allow the truths of the Gospel to become real to you and to others and to help you turn from sin.

Continue to pray for everything surrounding the coronavirus, politics, gun violence, 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 or Anything in the Teaching?

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 Bible lesson, or send us any of your thoughts. We also love to be praying with and alongside your family, so please send over prayer requests as well.