



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

"DEBORAH AND BARAK"

God fights for His people (Barak), leads His people (Deborah), and protects His people (Jael). Each of the people in the Bible story reflected that in a different way, but none were perfect or could protect people from the poisonous effects of sin. We need a true leader to rescue us, and we got one: Jesus. He fought on our behalf, and He ultimately laid His life down for the consequences of our sin in order to save us.

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. Read Judges 4. In our previous lessons, we learned that the Israelites were supposed to drive out the nations of the promised land (Deut. 7); however, they did not, thus disobeying God (Judges 1:27-33).**
 - Why were the Israelites being oppressed? Why do you think God rescued his people after they turned away from him? Refer to Lam. 3:22-23.
 - Deborah trusted that God would provide but Barak did not. What was the result of his lack of faith?
 - God delivered Israel from their sin by destroying Canaan's army. How did God help the Israelites win?
- 2. God used the judges and war heroes to redeem the Israelites from the repercussions of their sin. A stake was driven through Sisera's head, yet, the ultimate stakes were driven through Jesus' hands and feet.**
 - How has God redeemed us from our sin? How can we show we trust God? Read Psalm 5:3-4.
 - The Israelites sang a song of praise after God defeated the army. Why is it important to give God praise and glory for what he has done in the past and in the present?

Discipleship Through Prayer

Spend time this week praising God that He fights for and leads His people. Pray to God and thank him for sending his only begotten Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins. That we do not need to fear our enemies and can trust that God's will is for our good and his glory. Pray for a trust in God's plans and victory, 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.