

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

"GIDEON"

The Lord had chosen Gideon to deliver the Israelites from the power of their enemy. The Israelites cried out to God because they knew they could not save themselves. God used Gideon to help His people, but God fought the battle for them. The people needed someone who was mighty to save. Jesus Christ came to save us from sin because we cannot save ourselves. Only God, through Christ, can 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. God instructed Gideon to reduce the size of the army from 32,000 to 300 men.

- Why did God have Gideon reduce the size of the army? (Judges 7:2)
- The Israelites had to rely on God in order for them to be saved. How has God saved us from our sin?
- When you feel weak or small during a situation, how do you rely on God's strength? (2 Corinthians 12:9)

2. Gideon was an unlikely leader. (Read Judges 6:15)

- Who else was an unlikely leader in the Bible? How did God use these unlikely leaders?
- Are there times that you have been afraid to follow God like Gideon was? How can we trust God in the midst of fear?

3. This story ends with the Israelites worshiping other gods.

- What are daily practices that you can do that will help you remain obedient to God? Earlier in the story (Judges 6:25-26) God tells Gideon to tear down the alter to a foreign God. Why should we not have any other gods or idols before God?
- How is Jesus the fulfillment in the story? What does it look like to follow Him in your life?

Discipleship Through Prayer

Spend time this week praising God that He fights for and leads His people. Pray to God that you will trust in his provision no matter the situation and that you can boast in your weaknesses. Pray for any idols that

are placed before God in your heart will be removed so God can be the king of your heart. 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.