



# 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

### "SAMSON"

Despite his sin, God gave Samson strength to defeat the Philistines. Samson's sin led to his own death, but God used his death to save the Israelites from their enemies. Samson's story reminds us of Jesus. Jesus never sinned, but God sent Him to die on the cross and rise again to rescue people from sin and give them eternal life.

## 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 had a plan for Samson even before he was born. This plan involved blessings, suffering, and marrying a Philistine.**
  - How did God provide for Samson, even after Samson sinned?
  - Samson maintained hope in God despite his circumstances. How do we have confidence in God no matter what? What are daily practices that can help you walk confidently with him?
- 2. Read 1 Timothy 4:8. Samson was physically strong, however, he was often spiritually weak, especially when he was tempted.**
  - In what ways did Samson sin against God in his weakness? In what ways did Samson exhibit spiritual strength/reliance on God?
  - What situations have you experienced that make it hard to rely on God or to be obedient?
- 3. Unlike Samson, Jesus never sinned; yet God still sent Him to die on the cross and rise again to rescue people from sin and give them eternal life.**
  - How is God our ultimate and perfect judge?
  - What characteristics of Samson point to Jesus? How is Jesus a greater version of Samson? How are we to respond to what Jesus has done for us?

## Discipleship Through Prayer

Spend time this week praising God that He fights for and leads His people. Pray to God for to provide you spiritual strength, especially when you feel weak. Ask for daily reminders of Jesus's salvation and God's righteousness. 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](mailto: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.