



# RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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## What We're Learning This Week

### “PETER VISITED CORNELIUS”

ACTS 10

God showed Peter that just as there is no “clean” and “unclean” food, there are no “clean” and “unclean” people. God calls believers to tell everyone the good news about Jesus, no matter who they are or where they come from. Jesus is the Lord of all.

## Questions to Ask, Conversation Starters, and Helping to Apply The Truths to Our Kids' Lives

*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!*

### BEFORE WE MEET TOGETHER ON SUNDAY

- Continue conversations as a family regarding the lesson from last Sunday, when the Holy Spirit equipped Philip to help the Ethiopian official understand the Gospel through the reading of the Old Testament. The guide from last week can be found [here](#)
- Read through Acts 10; pray and ask God to reveal himself to you and for wisdom in how to best shepherd and disciple your kids through this Scripture in the next week

### AFTER WE MEET TOGETHER ON SUNDAY

#### Discipleship Through Scripture and Conversation

- Talk to your kids about the Bible story that they learned at church. Ask them to explain what they learned/what stuck out to them in the story, and expand upon the truths of the Bible that they are bringing up.
- Continue the conversation with your kids on Sunday and throughout the week. Some helpful conversations this week could be:
  1. Acts 10 shows us how God made clear to Peter that the gospel is for everyone—not only the Jews but also the Gentiles.
    - Talk together as a family about this. How does the Gospel push back against the temptation of the church being only for certain people? What truths about God in Scripture point us to that? What does it mean and look like to pursue people of all ethnicities, ages, socioeconomic standing, etc?

- Talk about how this applies to your family. Who are some people in our city who are overlooked or cast out? Who are people that you engage with in your lives who are not part of the church?
  - Ask and talk about some harder truths. Are there certain people or groups of people who we are more hesitant to bring the Gospel today? How can you pursue these people and relationships through the power of the Holy Spirit? We are praying for really sweet conversations of honesty, repentance, and growth as families in these ways!
2. God showed Peter that just as there is no “clean” and “unclean” food, there are no “clean” and “unclean” people.
- Talk together as a family. What does Scripture tell us about being made in the image of God?
  - Talk together about what sin is. In Romans 6:23 we read that the “wages of sin is death.” How does knowing that all humans are sinful and in need of grace change the way we view other people/their sin?
  - Talk about God’s grace. Knowing we are all just as much in need of God’s mercy as every other person, what does this all say about God’s character? How can and should we respond to this undeserved kindness and grace? In response to grace, how can we love one another and our city in greater ways?

### **Discipleship through prayer**

- Take time to pray together as a family.
  - Pray together about pursuing people that you would potentially not think of, dismiss, or cast out. Repent together if you need to, and pray for God to transform your hearts towards them and to be able to pursue them through the power of the Spirit.
  - Also pray together for a greater depth in understanding and living out of God’s grace.
- Ask each member of your family – adults included – to share one thing they would like prayer over. Have someone to pray for that person’s request. Encourage your family to pray for that person for the entire week.
- Take time to pray independently for your children, for God to do his mighty work in their hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit

### **Discipleship through modeling/action**

- Follow up throughout the week about the things you discussed
  - How have you learned more about/seen God’s grace in your life this week? How has God lead you into repentance? Who has God stirred your heart towards? Answer these questions honestly and ask Jesus to reveal how you are to respond in obedience.

- Pursue discipleship in your own life. Read Scripture, pray fervently, invest into community, and more. Model the ways of Christ as an example to your kids.

## Our Memory Verse for This Unit

### **OUR MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS UNIT (ENTITLED “JESUS THE RISEN KING”) IS ACTS 1:8**

- *For our older kids, we are doing the full verse:*
  - “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth”
- *For our younger kids, we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:*
  - “You will be my witnesses...to the end of the earth”

While we are helping the kids engage with this Scripture on Sundays through fun activities and time together, we really encourage you to take time to continue to engage with the memorization of this Scripture at home. As always, the hope is not to have our kids simply know a lot of Scripture, but to engage in God’s Word and allow Him to use it to transform the hearts of our kids!

## What’s Coming Up?

- Want weekly updates and occasional texts about special announcements? Text the word “Kids” to 323.859.1122. It really helps in preparing for Sunday and the rest of the week!
- Help us get to know you more and to know how we can love and serve you in greater ways by taking our short [RLA Kids Family Survey](#). If that link doesn’t work you can access the survey at <https://realityla.wufoo.com/forms/rla-kids-family-survey-fall-2017/>

## We Want to Know and Serve You Better!

We love hearing from you! You can email [kids@realityla.com](mailto:kids@realityla.com) at any time with any thoughts, questions, or concerns. We also love to be praying with and alongside you, so please send those over as well!