



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

“THE TEN COMMANDMENTS” EXODUS 19-20

God is holy and separate from sin. His law shows us what He requires—perfect righteousness. Our sin separates us from God, but Jesus came to bring us back to God. Jesus is perfectly righteous. When we trust in Jesus, He takes away our sin and welcomes us into God's family.

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, where Moses needed others to help him lead God's people and teach them God's laws. God does not want believers to follow Jesus alone. He gives us brothers and sisters of faith who can help us love God, obey God, and tell others about Him. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Exodus 19-20, 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. The Ten Commandments were not given as a burden or a list of laws the Israelites must try to keep to earn God's favor. God's rules are good and are meant to help us, but the Bible is clear that we are all sinful and fall short of God's standard for holiness. Our obedience can't save us.

- What is sin? How does sin impact our relationship with God?
 - How were these commandments meant to help God's people and not to restrict them? What are some rules that you are called to follow? How are these rules meant to help you and point you towards God's goodness?
2. The Ten Commandments can be grouped into two categories: The first four laws deal with a person's relationship with God and the last six laws deal with a person's relationship with others.
- What do we mean when we say that "we love because God first loved us"? What are some ways that God has shown you love this week? How does God's love spur us to love God and other people well?
3. God is holy and separate from sin. His law shows us what He requires—perfect righteousness. Our sin separates us from God, but Jesus came to bring us back to God. Jesus is perfectly righteous. When we trust in Jesus, He takes away our sin and welcomes us into God's family.
- What does it mean that Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of the law? How does Jesus' perfect life impact how God view us and our relationship with God?
 - When someone trust in God and received the Holy Spirit, how does it empower them to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength?
 - Talk together about the freedom we experience knowing that we do not need to be perfect (because of God's grace through Jesus) but that we get to live in line with what God has commanded of us through gratitude.

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Praise God together that He loves His people so much to give them boundaries to flourish in. Pray for hearts that desire to serve Jesus and to follow God's commands, not out of obedience but out of gratitude.
- 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

- Think about rules you are keeping just because it is the “right thing” or “Christian thing” and evaluate how the grace of God impacts your view of how you live.
- 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 “GOD FORMED A NEW NATION”) IS MATTHEW 22:37-39

- *For our older kids we are doing the full verse:*
 - “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
- *For our younger kids we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:*
 - “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind”

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?

- Stay connected by joining the [RLA Kids page on RLA Connect](#)
- 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!

We Want to Know and Serve You Better!

We love hearing from you! You can email 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.