



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

September 1, 2019

What We're Learning This Week

"ELIJAH AND THE WIDOW" **1 KINGS 17**

God miraculously provided through Elijah to give food to the widow and life to the widow's son. Many years later, God miraculously provided through His own Son, Jesus. Jesus is greater than Elijah. In Jesus, God provides salvation and life to everyone who trusts in Him.

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 we learned that King Solomon failed to lead God's people perfectly. God's people needed a better king, a perfect king! Through David's family, God would send His own Son, Jesus Christ, to be a perfect King over God's people forever. Jesus is greater than Solomon. Jesus brings His people together and leads them back to God. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through 1 Kings 17. Pray and ask God to reveal Himself to you + 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. Elijah spoke to King Ahab and gave him a message from God: there would be no rain in the land for a few years due to Israel's idolatry.
 - Why was God so angry with Israel's idolatry? Where are times in Scripture where we have seen Israel's unfaithfulness before, and what has God's response be?

- Why is God's anger justified? How does God responded to those who turn away from Him, and how should we respond when we turn away from God?
2. Elijah was sent by God to a nearby place where he met a widow. God said the widow would provide for Elijah.
 - God promises that He will always provide for His people...what does that mean? Can we always expect God to give us exactly what we want or feel like we need? What about the times where we don't have what we need?
 - In what ways has God provided in your life? What is the ultimate way that God has shown His generosity to this world? What does that say about who He is?
 3. The son of the widow was raised from the dead by Elijah. God gave life to the widow's son after Elijah prayed and cried over him.
 - How was this possible?? What does it say about the power of God?
 - How did God act miraculously through His own Son, Jesus?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray for increased trust in God, His provision, and His power.
- 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
 - Consider the ways God has generously provided for you, and let that gratitude stir up in you ideas of how to generously serve others.
- 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 "WISE KING SOLOMON") IS JAMES 1:5

- *For our older kids we are doing the full verse:*

- "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him."
- *For our younger kids we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:*
 - "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God."

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.