

When Large Group ends, please return to small group to Respond in Worship using this guide and the “Kid Take Home Sheet” for the next 5 weeks. Not every kid will have the Red Letter Challenge devotional book, so this gives us a chance to let every parent participate in focusing their kids’ hearts on the main theme for each week! Look below to see exactly how you’ll use the “Kids Take Home Sheets” before sending them home.

Theme

Look here to see which of the 5 key areas are we focusing on each week. (*Week 1: Intro to ALL themes, then Being, Forgiving, Serving, Giving, and ending week 6 with Going*)

Bible Verse

Each week, please read the Bible Verse aloud to your small group. Remind them their parents will have the same verse in their devotion book! Encourage them to learn it with their family!

Big Idea

This section is the driving question for the theme of the week. Ask kids to share their responses as you think through why it’s important to learn to imitate Jesus in each area. This section is the reminder about who we are aiming to become as we spend time with Jesus.

A weekly “Take Home Sheet” will go home with kids to review with their parents. Each week, you will lead your small group kids through the “Do This Now” section during our “Responding in Worship” part of our service. Our intention is to help kids prepare their hearts and focus on how they can respond to what God wants to do in their lives through the Red Letter Challenge. The parent take home sheet offers an easy transition into the focus of the week whether kids are using the RLC Kids book, or not!

Do This Now:

This is a non-negotiable part of our service each week as we set our parents up for success as they dive into the Red Letter Challenge for Kids. By introducing our kids to a response portion, we help them have something to immediately share with their parents about what they are looking forward to with the RLC.

Each week, tell kids to *“Take this home and show your parents your responses!”*

The last section is a note directly to the parents. We want them to remember that the RLC can be completed with their kids!

Dear Parents:

In the Red Letter Challenge, we are asking parents to complete specific challenges with their kids. This section will always encourage them to review what their kid responded while they were in small group with you so they can continue the conversation at home!



Theme: Introducing the RLC: Being, Forgiving, Serving, Giving, Going

Bible Verse: "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." **Matthew 7:24-27**

Big Idea: Coming to church and hearing Bible stories about Jesus is important, but we also know that we can begin following the commands and principles that Jesus teaches us. So, for the next 40 days, our entire church is going to hear the words of Jesus and put them into practice as we learn to live like Jesus in 5 main areas.

BEING: Jesus wants us to spend time with Him and build a close relationship. Before we do things for Him, it's important to get to know Him better. Our time with Jesus helps us do what He asks more effectively.

FORGIVING: Jesus teaches us about grace and forgiveness. It can be hard to accept God's forgiveness or to forgive others. But to truly show Jesus in our lives, we need to understand and share this grace with everyone.

SERVING: After spending time with Jesus and understanding His forgiveness, we feel excited to help others. We want to serve our community, support those in need, and show love to our neighbors because of what Jesus has done for us.

GIVING: Jesus talked a lot about money and being generous. If we follow Jesus, we should be generous with what we have. Being a follower of Jesus means sharing and giving to others.

GOING: One of Jesus' last instructions was to share the Good News with everyone. We are called to tell others about Jesus and how He forgives and loves us all.

***DO THIS NOW:** Read the 5 areas above and think about how well you're already doing in that area.

- Put a TRIANGLE next to the area you're most interested in learning about.
- Put a STAR next to the area you think will be most challenging for you.
- Put a HEART next to the area you feel like you're already doing pretty well.

Take this home and talk to your parents about your responses!

Dear Parents:

In the Red Letter Challenge, we are committing to putting the words of Jesus into practice for the next five weeks. Those five weeks are divided into five themes: Being, Forgiving, Serving, Giving, and Going. Each week we will have different ideas and ways that your child(ren) can try to put Jesus' words into practice.

****Keep an eye out for these weekly handouts and help your child accomplish one, some or all challenges each week!**

