

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**

BEING with Jesus

**Bible Verse**

*Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28*

**Big Idea**

**BEING** week focuses on the importance of spending quality time with Jesus and building a strong relationship with Him. This helps us live out our faith more effectively. There are some main categories of ways we can connect with Jesus, but each person may find different ways to do each of these things and that’s okay!

**\*DO THIS NOW:**

Below are some ways you can enjoy spending time with Jesus. Write a 1, 2, or 3 next to each option to share how much you think you’d enjoy experiencing Jesus in that way.

**1** (I think I’ll **DISLIKE** it), **2** (I **MIGHT** like it), or **3** (I think I’ll **LOVE** it)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Write or draw about your favorite Bible story. | <input type="checkbox"/> Learn something new about God or life with Him.      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Read your Bible daily before bed this week.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Give up something I prefer to do for a little while. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorize the Lord’s Prayer                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Celebrate God with thanks and praises aloud.         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Listen to your favorite praise/worship song.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Write my thoughts about God in a journal.            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go outside and enjoy nature.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Draw pictures to remind me of God.                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a nap.                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Pray to God.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Write down 5 of God’s promises to you.         | <input type="checkbox"/> Complete a YouVersion daily devotional.              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sit quietly for one minute.                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Thank God for 5 things He’s done in your life.       |

**Dear Parents:**

In the BEING week, kids will explore spiritual disciplines, such as reading the Bible and listening to worship music, to practice incorporating spending quality time with Jesus in the regular rhythms of their life. These disciplines will be practiced all throughout this 40 day challenge, but this week focuses specifically on simply being with Jesus, as we believe that a deep connection with Him empowers our actions. Later in the challenge, there will be more opportunities for outward-focused activities, but the key lesson here is that, like Jesus, our actions (what we *do*) flow from our relationship with God. Put simply, we emphasize “Be Before Do” which means we BE with God before we DO for God. Connecting with God before taking action for Him helps us make sure that we are depending on Christ’s strength and not our own human effort to get things done.

**Challenge:** Help your kid enjoy one of their “#3” options this week and challenge them to do one of their #1 options and share how it made them feel.

