

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

SERVING like Jesus

Bible Verse

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

Big Idea

Why is SERVING like Jesus important?

***DO THIS NOW:** Look at the list below of different ways to serve others. Underline anything you have done before. Circle anything that you'd like to do this week! Add anything specific that you're gifted to do. Show this list to your family and choose something you've circled to complete!

- Serve someone who couldn't or wouldn't pay you back.
- Put someone else's needs before your own.
- Let someone have their way instead of you.
- Spend quality time with someone who is different from you.
- Serve someone younger than you.
- Hold the door open for someone.
- Make something and give it to someone.
- Do a chore for someone.

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Dear Parents:

This week we are focusing on the awesome opportunity we have to both understand our own gifts and talents and then use them to help and serve others. Our motive for serving should be that we love and serve others because Christ first loved and served us. Our serving ultimately comes as a response to God's redeeming love on the cross for us and His continued love and service to us: taking care of us every day.

Challenge: Tell your child what unique gifts and talents God has given to them. Be specific as you take the time to see them as a wonderful child of God and affirm them as being wonderfully made by Him on purpose and for a purpose. Which of the things above do they want to do this week? How can you help? Notice where fear, laziness, busyness, or selfishness is preventing your child from serving others and help them overcome the obstacles.

