

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** GOING like Jesus

**Bible Verse**

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations. **Matthew 28:19a**

**Big Idea**

Why is GOING with Jesus important?

**\*DO THIS NOW:**

Are you more curious about Jesus now than you were 5 weeks ago? If so, that's great! We want to keep answering your questions and helping you learn about Jesus. Choose the option below that is most true for you:

**What do you think about trusting Jesus as your Savior and Lord? color the star**

- ☆ Wait - I'm not ready to talk about becoming a Christian.
- ☆ Already - I have already trusted Jesus as my Savior.
- ☆ Ready - I'm ready now. I want Jesus to be my Savior.
- ☆ Questions - I have questions. Flip this paper over and write your questions on the back.

**Dear Parents:**

As we wrap up this Red Letter Challenge, we don't end with an easy task! GOING is sometimes hard for kids to understand because they are always told "go brush your teeth", "go clean your room", "go to school". GOING to kids just feels like a command to obey, rather than an invitation to share about Jesus in adventurous, fun ways that use our stories and personalities to highlight who He is! We want to instill in our children the understanding that GOING with Jesus is not a task to be completed, but an adventure to embark on! And it doesn't matter how old we are when we choose to follow Jesus. We are called on a great commission to be a witness. We will have the Holy Spirit with us at all times, and we never go alone.

**Challenge:** Before our kids can get GOING, they have to first believe in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. They have to admit that they are sinners who needed Jesus' sacrifice and choose to accept the gift of eternal life by following Jesus now and forever. **Read your child's response above.** Based on what they have shared or asked, lead them through next steps in their relationship with Jesus. They may need to pray, write their testimony, get baptized, or meet with someone to have their questions answered. As always, your Children's Minister is available and would love to hear from you!

Remember, no matter what your child responded, you get to still model life in Christ for them! End the challenge by choosing some intentional ways to show them how you can begin reaching people with the Gospel:

- Eat dinner together as a family and pray beforehand
- Speak to neighbors you haven't met yet. Provide an act of kindness towards them
- Speak to a stranger. Pause and let the interruption happen in your day

