

# The Word @ Home

Week of June 28, 2020 Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:40-42

# Gathering

Begin your devotions by doing something to mark this time as "God time," like lighting a candle or singing a song.

## **Prayer of the Week**

God, you welcome us into your loving presence. Give us the courage and wisdom to welcome others, especially those who are different than we are. Amen.

## **Daily Check-in**

When did you feel welcome or included today? When did you feel excluded?

# Daily Bible Readings

Read aloud the Daily Bible Reading from the right. If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children's Bible you are using may not include the story selected. Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!

### **Discussion Starters**

Jesus sends his disciples to tell people the good news of God's love. Jesus sends you, too. How does this make you feel? What is one thing you can do to represent Jesus?

### **Praying Together**

Name people who can teach you something about God. Be creative! Respond to each: Help us welcome them, Lord.



### **Blessing for the Week**

End your devotions by tracing a cross on each person's forehead or hand with their permission and saying: Go. Show God's love to others.

Sunday	<b>Read Matthew 10:40-42</b> Welcome others, welcome Jesus. Serve each other cups of cold water.
Monday	<b>Read 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12</b> Paul gives advice to the Thessalonians. Think of something you can do to show love today or tomorrow. Say it out loud.
Tuesday	<b>Read Psalm 119:161-168</b> I love your law. It might sounds strange to love God's law. What is one rule that you like? Why?
Wednesday	<b>Read Jeremiah 18:1-11</b> Jeremiah goes to a potter's house. If you have any, mold some play dough while you talk about this reading.
Thursday	<b>Read Zechariah 1:1-6</b> Repent and return to God. Think of one small (or large) thing you have done wrong. Pray about it.
Friday	Read Psalm 145:8-14 The Lord is good to everyone. Repeat verse 8 together several times. (Look up any words you do not know.)
Saturday	<b>Read Luke 10:21-24</b> Hidden and revealed. What is one thing you have recently learned? Bonus if it is about God and the Bible.

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