



The Word @ Home

Week of July 5, 2020

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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, we are often tired in our bodies and in our minds. We carry around our worries and stress. Show us how to come to you and find your peace. Amen.

Daily Check-in

What made you feel tired or stressed today? What gave you energy or peace?

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

People here are complaining that neither John the Baptist nor Jesus acted how the people expected. When is it good to act as people expect you to? When is it bad?

Praying Together

Ask each person for one thing they are struggling with. Pray together for God’s help with these things.

Blessing for the Week

End your devotions by tracing a cross on each person’s forehead or hand with their permission and saying: **May you feel God’s peace today.**

Sunday

Read Zechariah 9:9-12

The promised King ends war. Discuss what it would be like if there were no violence or wars in the world.

Monday

Read Psalm 131

My heart is not proud. Describe a time when you thought you were right but ended up being wrong.

Tuesday

Read Psalm 131 (again)

I am content in God’s arms. Close your eyes. Imagine God giving you a hug. Take deep breaths and relax.

Wednesday

Read John 13:1-17

Jesus washes the disciples’ feet. Discuss one way you can serve someone in the next few days. Then, check in. Did you do that?

Thursday

Read Psalm 65:9-13

God provides. Pray together and name as many things you are thankful for as you can.

Friday

Read Romans 15:14-21

Paul proclaims the gospel. It can be scary to talk to other people about your faith. Practice by telling each other about God’s love.

Saturday

Read Luke 10:21-24

Jesus comes to save. Name something you have done that is wrong. Everyone respond: God forgives you.