



The Word @ Home

Week of July 19, 2020

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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 again like seeds planted in the soil. Help us to grow strong in your love, resisting the temptations to follow our own wants instead of acting in loving service to you and others. Forgive us for all the times we fail. Amen.

Daily Check-in

When did you help or serve someone else today? When were you tempted to be selfish?

Daily Bible Readings

Read aloud the Daily Bible Reading on 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 sometimes uses confusing parables, or really short stories, to tell us about God and God’s kingdom. What questions do you have about this parable? What makes sense to you?

Praying Together

Pray for each person in turn, placing a hand on their shoulder or head, with their permission.

Blessing for the Week

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

Sunday

Read Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The parable of the wheat and the weeds. In this coming day, how can you shine like the sun for other people?

Monday

Read Psalm 75:1-10

God judges fairly. Through God’s love we are forgiven, but God is still unhappy with sin. Each person confess a sin, silently or aloud, and the rest respond: God forgives you.

Tuesday

Read Galatians 4:21–5:1

Set free by Christ. Read Galatians 5:13-15. What do you think that Paul means by “slavery”?

Wednesday

Read Matthew 12:15-21

Jesus is God’s servant. Jesus makes us all servants of God. Repeat verse 18 to each other.

Thursday

Read 1 Kings 1:28-37

David makes Solomon king. What do you know about David? Do a quick Internet search to learn more.

Friday

Read 1 Kings 1:38-48

People hear the news. What do you know about Solomon? Do another Internet search to learn more.

Saturday

Read 1 Kings 2:1-4

David’s last advice. Why do you think David chose to give this particular advice to his son, the new king of Israel?