



The Word @ Home

Week of August 2, 2020

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

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, when we are hungry for you, you give yourself freely to us. Help us to bring your love and justice to a hungry world. Amen.

Daily Check-in

Even Jesus got tired and needed to recharge. What is something that tired you out today? What recharged you?

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

In this story, Jesus took a small amount of food and not only fed an amazing number of people but also made a large amount of leftovers. What does this teach us about God?

Praying Together

Ask each person to name one thing they are “hungry” for, or need. Then name one thing someone else needs. Pray for these needs.

Blessing for the Week



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

Sunday

Read Matthew 14:13-21

The feeding of the multitude. Thank God for the food you have and for all the people who have grown, packaged, and delivered it.

Monday

Read Deuteronomy 8:1-10

God provided food in the wilderness. What does it mean to hunger for something that is not food? How does God provide? How can you help others?

Tuesday

Read Acts 2:37-47

The early believers ate together. Close your eyes while you hear this story. What would it be like to be one of these believers?

Wednesday

Read Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35

God gives manna and quail. Instead of faithfully asking for food, the people complain. What is something you have complained about?

Thursday

Read 1 Kings 18:1-16

Elijah returns to King Ahab. Why is the King Ahab angry? Why is Obadiah scared? Read 1 Kings 17:1-7.

Friday

Read 1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40

Elijah and the fire from God. What message does this story give?

Saturday

Read 1 Kings 18:41-46

God sends rain. Retell the whole story of Elijah, Ahab, and the drought.