



The Word @ Home

Week of August 16, 2020

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:[10-20], 21-28

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, like the woman in the story, give us great trust in your work and persistence in our prayers. Help us hear and respond to the call of those who need help. Amen

Daily Check-in

When have you been annoyed today? When have you been kind to others?

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 usually welcomes people’s pleas for help, but here he at first rejects a woman’s request because she is not Jewish. What is your reaction to this?

Praying Together

Ask each person to name at least one person or situation that needs God’s help. Respond to each request: Have mercy, Lord.

Blessing for the Week

End your devotions by tracing a cross on each person’s forehead or hand with their permission and saying: **Lord, help [person’s name].**

Sunday

Read Matthew 15:[10-20], 21-28

Jesus and the Canaanite Woman
Name one thing you can do this week to help one other person.

Monday

Read 2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman is healed.
Dip your hand in a bowl of water seven times, praising God each time.

Tuesday

Read Psalm 87

A song about Zion.
Zion is another name for Jerusalem where God’s temple was. Why do you think the songwriter was so happy?

Wednesday

Read Matthew 8:1-13

Jesus heals two outsiders.
The man with a skin disease and the Roman officer were outsiders. Who are some outsiders today?

Thursday

Read 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Arguments between believers.
What can you do to peacefully resolve arguments between family members or friends this week?

Friday

Read 2 Corinthians 10:12-18

Speak with pride about what God does.
Where do you see God working in the world?

Saturday

Read Matthew 16:5-12

Beware of harmful teachings.
When was a time that you misunderstood what someone else said?