



The Word @ Home

Week of August 23, 2020

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

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

Jesus, we confess with Simon Peter that you are the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Help us to understand what this means and to live out this confession every day. Amen

Daily Check-in

What has been a low for you today? What has been a high?

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

Who are John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah? Why would people think that Jesus is one of them? Why did Jesus order his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah?

Praying Together

Thank God for each person’s highs and ask for God’s help for each person’s lows.



Blessing for the Week

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

Sunday

Read Matthew 16:13-20

Peter confesses Jesus is the Messiah. Name one thing you believe about Jesus (or God in general).

Monday

Read Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32

God is my strength. Give each other hugs and say “God keeps you safe.”

Tuesday

Read Romans 11:33-36

Glory be to God forever. God is so much greater than we are, yet God also loves us without limit. Take a moment to reflect on this.

Wednesday

Read Matthew 26:6-13

A woman anoints Jesus. Jesus would soon die, and dead bodies were often anointed with perfume. Take a sniff of perfume or something similar.

Thursday

Read Ephesians 5:1-6

Walk in the way of love. Play a quick game of Follow the Leader or name ways you can practice love.

Friday

Read Psalm 26:1-8

Examine me, God. Think of when you have followed God’s way this week and when you have failed. Ask for God’s forgiveness.

Saturday

Read Matthew 8:14-17

Jesus heals Peter’s mother-in-law. Pray for people who are sick.