



# The Word @ Home

Week of August 30, 2020

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

## 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

Jesus, like your disciple Peter, we are so often distracted by the things that are less important and ignore your call and command to follow you. Give us faith and focus. Amen.

## Daily Check-in

Was there anything that you misunderstood or had a difficult time with today? What happened?

## 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

What are some human things that distract you? What are some divine things that you think Jesus would want you to focus on?

## Praying Together

Name things that you wish you understood better about the Bible, faith, school, work, and life. Pray greater understanding, knowledge, and wisdom.



## Blessing for the Week

End your devotions by tracing a cross on each person’s forehead or hand with their permission and saying: **Love God, love others.**

### Sunday

#### Read Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus rebukes Peter.  
What is one thing you can stop doing this week? Pray for the strength to do it.

### Monday

#### Read 2 Samuel 11:2-26

David and Bathsheba  
Think of something you have done wrong, saying it aloud as you feel comfortable. Pray for forgiveness.

### Tuesday

#### Read 2 Samuel 11:27–12:15

Nathan rebukes David.  
Name something you have learned from a story. Can you tell a story that teaches?

### Wednesday

#### Read Psalm 17

A prayer for protection.  
Repeat verse 6 several times as a prayer.

### Thursday

#### Read 2 Corinthians 12:11-21

Paul challenges the people.  
The people in Corinth misunderstood the apostle’s intentions. When have you felt misunderstood?

### Friday

#### Read Psalm 119:33-40

A prayer for understanding.  
Jesus summarized God’s laws to loving God and loving others. How can you show this love today (or tomorrow)?

### Saturday

#### Read Matthew 23:29-36

These teachers are hypocrites.  
Pray for forgiveness for a time when you knew the right thing to do but did not do it.