



# The Word @ Home

Week of September 6, 2020  
Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

## 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 gather together now in your name, whether a few feet apart or miles and time zones away. Be in our midst as you have promised and grant us your peace. Amen.

## Daily Check-in

What was a high for today? What was a low?

## 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

How did Jesus treat Gentiles and tax collectors in the Gospels? What do you think it means, then, to treat an unrepentant sinner as a Gentile and a tax collector?

## Praying Together

As an individual or as a group, what do you want to “agree on earth about” as you pray to God?

## Blessing for the Week

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

### Sunday

#### Read Matthew 18:15-20

Church discipline.  
When you sin against someone, how would you want them to react?

### Monday

#### Read 1 Peter 2:11-17

Live good lives.  
God’s love for us does not depend on how we act, but our relationships with those we know and do not know do. How do you think you should act?

### Tuesday

#### Read Romans 13:1-7

Obey authorities.  
Does this passage mean that we should not protest against our laws and government? Why or why not?

### Wednesday

#### Read Matthew 21:18-22

Jesus curses a fig tree.  
What do you think is going on here?

### Thursday

#### Read Genesis 37:12-36

Joseph is sold into slavery.  
Look at each character in this story. How do you think each of them feel during this scene?

### Friday

#### Read Genesis 41:53–42:17

Joseph’s brothers go to Egypt.  
What do you think each character here is thinking during this scene?

### Saturday

#### Read Genesis 45:1-20

Joseph reveals himself to his brothers.  
What thoughts and feelings did Joseph’s brothers have in this scene?