

# TAKING FAITH HOME

JESUS PROVIDES FOR OUR NEEDS.

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## mealtime prayer

Jesus, bless the food upon our dishes, as you did the loaves and fishes. By your grace we eat and live, hear our thanks for all you give. Amen.

## verse for the week

"Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink — even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk — it's all free!"

ISAIAH 55:1

## blessing

May the Lord Jesus be kind to you. May he feed you in body and in spirit, and meet all of your needs. Amen.

## FAITH 5™ FAITH ACTS IN THE HOME



**share** your highs and lows of the day or discuss some of the questions from the **FOURKEYS** caring conversations.



**read** and highlight a passage of scripture in your Bible. These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. Try to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

<b>Sunday</b>	Matthew 14:13-21	Jesus feeds five thousand
<b>Monday</b>	Exodus 16:2-4,9-15	God feeds the Israelites
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Kings 4:42-44	Elisha feeds one hundred men
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Kings 7:3-16	Four lepers eat and drink
<b>Thursday</b>	Matthew 15:32-39	Jesus feeds four thousand
<b>Friday</b>	John 21:15-17	Jesus tells Peter to feed his sheep
<b>Saturday</b>	Psalms 78:1-8,17-29	God sent food from heaven
<b>Sunday</b>	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus walks on water



**talk** about how the Bible passage relates to your highs and lows or discuss some of the ideas in **FOURKEYS** devotions.



**pray** for your highs and lows, for your family, and for the world.



**bless** one another using the above blessing or make up your own.

# FOURKEYS

for practising faith

Discuss in your household or small group:



- Matthew 14:14 tells us that Jesus had “compassion” on the crowds. What is compassion?
- Share about a time when someone showed compassion to you, or when you showed compassion to someone else.
- Have you ever experienced God providing for your needs in a special way? Share your story.



In the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus took what the disciples brought to him and used it to feed the whole crowd. Using paper and scissors, cut out a fish or breadloaf-shaped figure for each household member, and write their name upon it. As part of your home devotional times this week, share talents or gifts that you see in one another. Write these down on your “loaves” or “fish”. Talk about ways that we can bless others through these God-given gifts and talents, and pray for God’s guidance in using them.



God calls those who have been materially blessed to share with those who have less. Make a special monetary donation this week to an aid organisation working with the poor, or a donation-in-kind to a local charity assisting those in need.



Have you ever made bread as a household? Set aside some time this week to work on this together. Invite friends or neighbours to enjoy with you the fruits of your labour!



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