



TAKING FAITH home

21 December 2014
ADVENT 4B

THIS WEEK'S THEME:

God the Father showed his
love for us by giving us Jesus.

mealtime prayer

Lord God, thank you for
your gifts of love – for
food, family and friends.
Most of all, thank you
for your gift of Jesus.
Amen.

verse for the week

Lord, I will sing about your
great love forever. For all
time to come, I will tell how
faithful you are.

PSALM 89:1

blessing

May the Lord be with
you. May God's favour
rest on you and his Spirit
come to you. Amen.
LUKE 1:28-30,35

FAITH 5



share your highs and lows of the day or discuss some of the questions from the
FOURKEYS Faith Talk.



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.

Sunday	Luke 1:26-38	The birth of Jesus foretold
Monday	Luke 1:46-55	Mary's song
Tuesday	Luke 1:67-80	Zechariah's song
Wednesday	Luke 2:1-7	The birth of Jesus
Thursday	Luke 2:8-20	Angels appear to shepherds
Friday	Titus 2:11-14	God's grace has appeared
Saturday	Psalms 89:1-8	God's love continues forever
Sunday	Luke 2:22-40	Jesus presented in the temple



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



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



bless one another using this week's blessing or make up your own.

FOUR KEYS

for the Home



1. Faith Talk

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Can you remember a time when you had an unexpected visitor? Share your story.
- Mary was visited by an angel with the amazing news that she was going to give to birth to the Son of God. If you were in Mary's position, how do you think you would have felt?
- Jesus was God's gift of love to the world. Why is Jesus the most special Christmas gift of all?



2. Devotional Practices

This week, light the first, second, third and fourth candles on your home Advent Wreath. In doing so, use the following words:

The fourth candle on our Advent Wreath is the ANGEL CANDLE. When Jesus was born, the angels announced that our Saviour had come. God the Father sent his Son to earth to save us because he loves us.

Have a household member read John 3, verses 16 and 17. Then say this prayer together, repeating after the leader: **Lord God, thank you for showing your love to us by sending Jesus our Saviour. Fill our hearts and our homes with love this Christmas. Amen.**



3. Service

Plan to visit a person who is homebound or in a nursing home before Christmas Day. Prepare a gift of love to bring to them and sing a Christmas carol with them.



4. Rituals and Traditions

Place figures from a Christmas nativity set (e.g. wise men, shepherds, Mary, Joseph, animals) throughout your home. During this week, move them closer to the manger. Have Mary and Joseph arrive first, followed by the shepherds and wise men. Last of all, place Jesus in the manger (on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day).



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