



TAKING FAITH home

11 January 2015
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY B

THIS WEEK'S THEME:
*All life comes from
God our Creator.*

mealtime prayer

In the beginning God made the heavens, earth and sky. For life and food and daily care, we praise you, Lord Most High!

verse for the week

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
GENESIS 1:1

blessing

May the Lord give you his strength. May the Lord bless you with peace. Amen.
PSALM 29:11

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	Genesis 1:1-5	In the beginning
Monday	Job 12:7-10	All life is in God's hand
Tuesday	Job 26:7-14	Job speaks of creation
Wednesday	Job 38:1-18	The Lord speaks of creation
Thursday	Hebrews 1:10-12	He laid the earth's foundations
Friday	Nehemiah 9:1-6	He gives life to everything
Saturday	Psalm 104	A psalm of creation
Sunday	John 1:43-51	Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael



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



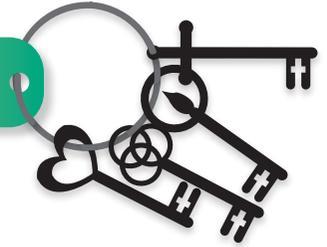
pray for your highs and lows, for your family, and for the world.



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:

- What is something you have made? What did you use to make it?
- In the beginning God created the heavens and earth from nothing at all (Genesis 1:1-5). Imagine that were you able to travel back in time to that first moment. What do you think you would see, hear, feel?
- Think back on the past week. In what ways have you seen or experienced God's creative power?



2. Devotional Practices

On Baptism of our Lord Sunday we are invited to remember our own baptisms. In your home devotional times this week, share the baptismal details and stories of members of your household. Look at any photos or videos you may have. Look up these verses about baptism and discuss what they say: Romans 6:4, Galatians 3:27, Titus 3:5-6.



3. Service

God calls us to help him in taking care of his creation. As an act of community service, take a few plastic bags and walk around your neighbourhood picking up litter (remember to wear gloves).



4. Rituals and Traditions

At the time of creation, the Spirit of God was "moving over the waters" (Genesis 1:2). The same creative, life-giving Spirit of God was present and active when Jesus was baptised in the waters of the Jordan River (Mark 1:10), and is present and active whenever and wherever people are baptised in the name of Jesus (Mark 1:8, Acts 2:38). Share a ritual of baptismal remembrance. Set out a bowl of water. Say these words in turn to each person:

(Name), you were baptised on (date) at (place). There and then God adopted you as his own and gave you the Holy Spirit. Remember today that you are his and that he loves you dearly.

Dip a finger into the water and make the sign of the cross on the person's forehead. Then share this blessing with them: May the Spirit of God move over you and in you, filling you with faith, hope, love and peace. Amen.

