



# TAKING FAITH home

19 April 2015  
EASTER 3B

THIS WEEK'S THEME:  
The risen Jesus sends us out to witness to him.

### mealttime prayer

God bless our food, God guide our ways, God give us strength to declare your praise. Amen.

### verse for the week

"You killed the one who gives life. But God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this."

ACTS 3:15

### blessing

May the Lord Jesus give you peace, faith and power to tell others about him. Amen.

## 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 24:36b-48	Witnesses of these things
Monday	Acts 1:1-8	You will be my witnesses
Tuesday	Acts 5:17-32	The apostles share the message of new life
Wednesday	Acts 10:34-43	The witness of the apostles
Thursday	Acts 13:13-31,38-39	Paul's proclamation in Antioch
Friday	Acts 18:1-11	Paul gives witness in Corinth
Saturday	Psalms 150	Praise the Lord
Sunday	John 10:11-18	The Good Shepherd



**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:

- Who first told you about Jesus? Who and what has helped you learn about him over time?
- Jesus said that his disciples would be "witnesses" for him (Luke 24:48). What is a witness?
- In what ways are you a witness for Jesus to others? Share about your joys and your challenges in speaking to others about Jesus.



## 2. Devotional Practices

Jesus calls his followers to be his witnesses, to share with others their faith in him (Luke 24:46-47). In your household prayer times this week, pray for relatives, friends or neighbours who are not Christians. Ask for God's help to share Jesus with them in word and deed.



## 3. Service

April 22 (Wednesday) is observed across the world as Earth Day. For Christians, Earth Day is an occasion to thank God for creation and reflect on how we might better care for what he has given us. Discuss ways in which your household can act to better protect the environment e.g. to use less power at home, recycle waste, plant trees, collect litter. Commit to one act of environmental care this week.



## 4. Rituals and Traditions

Psalm 4:8 says, "In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, O Lord, will keep me safe." The end of the day is a good time to slow down, reflect on the day, and focus on God's place at the centre of our lives. Rituals which help us to do this can have a powerful "witnessing" influence in our home lives. If you are a parent or carer of a child, consider making some of these ideas part of your daily bedtime pattern:

- Share in turn the "highs" and "lows" from the day.
- Read a Bible story or a brief Bible passage.
- Say a prayer together e.g. Dear Father in heaven, look down from above; Bless me, your world, and all whom I love. Amen.
- Mark one another with the sign of the cross.
- Use the blessings provided each week in Taking Faith Home.
- Memorise the words of Psalm 4:8 to say at bedtime. Have a parent or carer say the first part and the child the second part.



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