



# TAKING FAITH home

3 May 2015  
EASTER 5B

THIS WEEK'S THEME:

Jesus is the vine and  
we are his branches.

## mealtime prayer

All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven  
above; So thank the  
Lord, O thank the Lord,  
for all his love. Amen.

## verse for the week

"I am the vine, and you are the  
branches. If you stay joined to  
me, and I stay joined to you,  
then you will produce lots of  
fruit. But you cannot do  
anything without me."

JOHN 15:5

## blessing

May God keep you  
connected to him, so  
that you produce his  
good fruit of love.  
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	John 15:1-8	Christ, the vine
Monday	Matthew 3:4-10	Repentance and fruit
Tuesday	Matthew 7:15-20	A good tree bears good fruit
Wednesday	Jeremiah 17:5-8	A tree that always bears fruit
Thursday	Galatians 5:16-26	The fruits of the Spirit
Friday	Colossians 1:9-14	Producing the fruit of good works
Saturday	Psalms 1:1-3	The fruitful tree
Sunday	John 15:9-17	Love one another



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



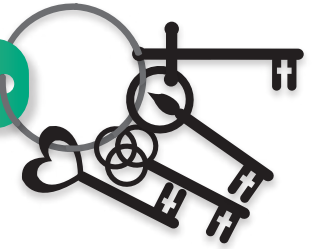
**pray** for your highs and lows, for your family, and for the world.



**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 your favourite fruit? Why?
- Jesus says that we show that we are his followers by producing fruit. What do you think Jesus means by "fruit"?
- Jesus tells us that if we are to bear fruit we need to stay joined to him. How do we stay joined to Jesus?



## 2. Devotional Practices

Jesus tells us that he is God's true vine and we are his branches. We must stay joined to him to bear spiritual fruit. Gather green or brown pipe cleaners, green construction paper and coloured dot stickers. Have each household member make their own vine, beginning with a longer section of pipe cleaner. Add branches, using smaller sections of pipe cleaner, and then leaf-shapes cut from green construction paper. Poke the ends of branches through the leaves and bend them to attach the leaves to the vine. Put dot stickers on the leaves to represent fruit. Each day this week, talk about the spiritual fruit you have seen displayed in one another's lives, and pray that God will use each other as instruments of his love.



## 3. Service

Next Sunday (10 May) is Mother's Day. Plan an act of service for the mother or mothers in your lives. Ask her how she would best like to be served and make arrangements for this.



## 4. Rituals and Traditions

Place a large bunch of grapes and an empty bowl on the table so everyone can reach them. Explain that as the questions are read each person will answer the question, remove a grape from the bunch, and place it in the bowl.

- Tell of a time when you felt or knew that Jesus was helping you to do something.
- Tell of a time when you helped someone who was hurting or needed some assistance.
- Tell of a time when you thought about what God would like before acting on a situation.
- Tell of a time when knowing a certain Bible verse or story helped you.
- Tell of a time when God taught you something or helped you to grow as a person through something that was difficult or painful.

After everyone has had the opportunity to respond, enjoy the grapes with thanks to God!



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