



# TAKING FAITH home

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THIS WEEK'S THEME:  
*The kingdom of God grows.*

### mealt ime prayer

God has planted, God has fed. Thanks be to God for daily bread. Amen.

### verse for the week

Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!  
2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

### blessing

May God help you to grow as a seed he has planted. May he watch over you and do many good things through you. 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	Mark 4:26-34	Two parables of seeds
Monday	Ezekiel 31:1-14	God cuts down tall, proud trees
Tuesday	Hosea 14:1-7	Israel will be a fragrant cedar
Wednesday	Mark 4:1-20	The parable of the sower
Thursday	Genesis 3:14-24	Deprived of the tree of life
Friday	Revelation 21:22 - 22:5	Given the tree of life
Saturday	Psalms 52	Like an olive tree in God's house
Sunday	Mark 4:35-41	Jesus calms the sea



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



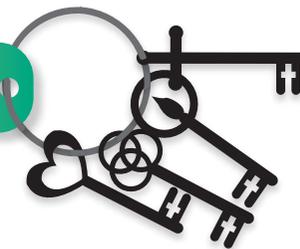
**pray** for your highs and lows, for your family, and for the world.



**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 one way you have grown over the past year? What has caused or helped you to grow?
- Jesus talked about the kingdom of God growing from a tiny seed into a large plant (Mark 4:30-32). What do you think he meant?
- How have you been growing as a child of God? In what ways would you like to grow more?



## 2. Devotional Practices

Collect some green paper or card and cut it into leaf shapes. Also set up a leafless branch or a stick in a pot or vase as a centrepiece for your home altar area or meal table. During your home devotion times this week share ways in which you have seen God the King at work in the world around you. For each sign of God's kingdom activity, attach a leaf to the branch or stick. Praise and thank God for all his blessings.



## 3. Service

Plan to surprise your neighbours with gifts of potted plants at Christmas time. Work together to purchase plants or seedlings, soil and pots. Take turns caring for the plants so that they grow strong and healthy over the coming months.



## 4. Rituals and Traditions

As a household activity, visit a plant nursery, botanic garden or conservatory. Talk about the differences you see between the plants on display, and what is needed to help them grow.



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