



TAKING FAITH home

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THIS WEEK'S THEME:
staying united with
others in faith and love

mealttime prayer

God, thanks for all you
give so we are fed. May
we love you back from
toe to head. Amen

verse for the week

"If a family is divided,
it can't stand."
MARK 3:25

blessing

May God fill your life
with faith, hope and
love. May he renew you
in spirit every day.
Amen.
2 CORINTHIANS 4:16

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 3:20-35	Doing the work of God
Monday	Ephesians 5:25-33	Husbands and wives
Tuesday	Ephesians 6:1-4	Children and parents
Wednesday	Proverbs 6:20-23	Learning from our parents
Thursday	1 Corinthians 13:1-7	Love described
Friday	1 John 4:7-12	Love one another
Saturday	Psalms 103:1-13	A father's compassion
Sunday	Mark 4:26-34	Two parables of seeds



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



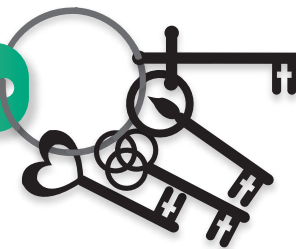
pray for your highs and lows, for your family, and for the world.



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 things bring family members together? What things divide them?
- How does faith in God affect our family relationships?
- Jesus says that everyone who does God's will is his "brother and sister and mother". What does it mean to you that Jesus has called you a very close family member? What does it mean for your relationships with others?



2. Devotional Practices

As part of your household devotion time this week, create a web of appreciation. Find a ball of yarn. Have one person attach the end of the yarn to a finger. Have them affirm, thank or encourage another household member and then toss the ball of yarn to them. The second person does likewise to another person and so on. Continue until a web of yarn has been formed. Then discuss what draws you together or unites you as a household, and what pulls you apart or divides you. Pray for God's help to become a more united household. Pray that Jesus will be at work as your "brother", holding you together in faith and love.



3. Service

As Christians, we are Jesus' brothers, sisters and mothers! We can show our love for Jesus as his brothers and sisters and mothers by serving the biological brothers, sisters and mothers in our lives. Invite each household member to carry out one act of service for their brother, sister or mother this week.



4. Rituals and Traditions

Set aside some time this week to explore your family history or histories. Make up a family tree showing your cousins, uncles, aunts, grandparents, great-grandparents and so on. Look together at any family history books you may have. Share what you know about the life stories of your relatives. Discuss ways in which your family history has shaped who you are today, individually and as a household.



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