



# TAKING FAITH home

16 August 2015  
PENTECOST 12B

THIS WEEK'S THEME:  
*We have life  
because of Jesus*

## mealttime prayer

Thank you, God, for blue  
skies above us, green  
grass below us, good  
friends beside us, and fine  
food before us. Amen.

## verse for the week

"The living Father sent  
me, and I live because of  
him. In the same way,  
those who feed on me will  
live because of me."

JOHN 6:57

## blessing

May the life of Jesus  
give you life. May you  
live forever because of  
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	John 6:51-58	Christ, the true food and drink
Monday	Genesis 43:1-15	Joseph's brothers need food
Tuesday	Genesis 45:1-15	Joseph provides food
Wednesday	Genesis 47:13-26	Famine even in Egypt
Thursday	Luke 12:13-21	Parable of the rich fool
Friday	Acts 6:1-7	Deacons chosen to distribute food
Saturday	Psalms 36	God gives food and drink
Sunday	John 6:56-69	Many disciples desert Jesus



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



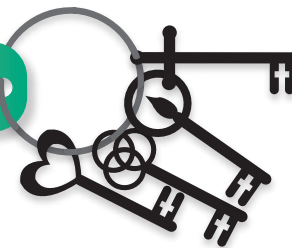
**pray** for your highs and lows, for your family, and for the world.



**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 different foods have you eaten today? What food have you enjoyed most of all?
- Jesus said that he was "bread from heaven", and that those who feed on him will live. In what ways is Jesus part of your life diet?
- How is your life different because you "feed" on Jesus?



## 2. Devotional Practices

Cut out pieces of paper in the shape of bread rolls or bread slices and mark each one with a cross. Position an empty plate in the middle of your home devotional area. When you gather, invite each person to offer a prayer request beginning with the words, "Jesus, bread of life, please ...". For each prayer, place a piece of "bread" onto the plate.



## 3. Service

Share the blessings you have received from God with a needy child overseas by putting together a Shoebox for Christmas as part of Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Visit [www.samaritanaspurse.com.au](http://www.samaritanaspurse.com.au) for more information and begin gathering items for your shoebox of gifts.



## 4. Rituals and Traditions

Ephesians 5:19-20 urges us to "speak to one another with psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit, singing and making music from the heart to the Lord, and always giving thanks to God the Father for everything". Spend time together as a household making up a list of your ten favourite Christian hymns or songs. Then make up your own songbook that you can use each week and take with you on holidays. Have household members decorate the songbook with drawings and other artwork.



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