



TAKING FAITH home

20 September 2015
PENTECOST 17B

THIS WEEK'S THEME:
Following Jesus involves serving others.

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You nourish us with food, O God, for body and for soul. May love and kindness be our thanks, and service be our goal. Amen.

verse for the week

Jesus sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, "Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else."
MARK 9:35

blessing

May God come near to you and give you a pure heart. May he make you peaceful and gentle, caring and humble, kind and helpful. 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 9:30-37	The servant of all is greatest
Monday	2 Kings 5:1-14	A girl servant saves her master
Tuesday	Matthew 18:1-10	The greatest in the kingdom
Wednesday	John 13:1-15	Jesus serves his disciples
Thursday	Luke 14:7-14	Humility and hospitality
Friday	Galatians 6:1-10	Doing good to all
Saturday	Isaiah 57:14-21	God is with the humble
Sunday	Mark 9:38-50	Avoiding sin



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



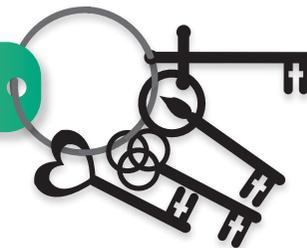
pray for your highs and lows, for your family, and for the world.



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:

- Share about a time when you wanted to be first in something.
- Jesus said that following him involves putting the needs of others ahead of our own wants. In what ways did Jesus set an example of this for us?
- In what ways do you serve others in Jesus' name? How has serving others brought good to you?



2. Devotional Practices

Jesus said, "Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me." (Mark 9:36). In your home devotion times this week make a special point of praying by name for children in your church and neighbourhood. Ask for God's help to welcome them with the heart and spirit of Jesus.



3. Service

Jesus said to his disciples "Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else." Make a list of ways you can be servants to one another in your household this week. Decide together on particular things you will try to do for one another. Monitor your progress during the week.



4. Rituals and Traditions

September 21 is the United Nations International Day of Peace. Discuss how you, as a household, can contribute to making the world a more peaceful place. Make a list of situations or places that are in need of peace. Light a candle for each one and say a short prayer: **Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, please bring your peace to** Draw or paint symbols of peace and place these around your home.

