



TAKING FAITH home

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PENTECOST 19B

THIS WEEK'S THEME:
**Jesus welcomes
and blesses children.**

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With this food you make
us strong. To you our life
and love belong. Thank
you, God! Amen.

verse for the week

Jesus said to his disciples,
"Let the little children come to
me. Don't keep them away.
God's kingdom belongs to
people like them."
MARK 10:14

blessing

May God give you faith
like a little child. May
the Lord Jesus take you
into his arms and bless
you. Amen.
MARK 10:13-16

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.

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| Sunday | Mark 10:2-16 | Jesus blesses the children |
| Monday | Matthew 18:1-6 | Welcoming a little child |
| Tuesday | Matthew 18:10-14 | Don't look down on the little ones |
| Wednesday | Ephesians 6:1-4 | Instructions to parents and children |
| Thursday | Deuteronomy 6:1-9 | Impress them on your children |
| Friday | Deuteronomy 11:16-21 | Teach them to your children |
| Saturday | Psalms 8 | From the lips of children |
| Sunday | Mark 10:17-31 | A rich man goes away sad |



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:

- Who is someone you would like to meet? Why?
- Mark 10:13-16 tells us that people were bringing children to Jesus, but the disciples weren't very welcoming. What does Jesus' reaction tell us about him?
- What do you think it means to accept the kingdom of God the way a little child does?



2. Devotional Practices

Give attention to blessing one another in your home this week – e.g. at
bedtimes, or when household members leave for work or school. Use one of
the blessings below or one of the *Blessings to Give* provided each week in
Taking Faith Home.

**May the Lord cover you with his peace, fill you with his love, and keep
you safe in his care. Amen.**

**The Lord bless you and protect you; the Lord show you kindness and be
gracious to you; the Lord grant you his favour and give you his peace.
Amen.**

May the Lord protect you when you are awake (*sign cross on forehead*);
and watch over you when you sleep (*sign cross over eyes*); **that awake you**
make keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace (*sign cross
over heart*). **Amen.**



3. Service

In this week's Gospel reading, Jesus teaches about marriage. Think of a married
couple whom you could encourage. Write them a note, prepare a gift for them to
enjoy, or, if they have children, offer childcare so the parents can go out together.



4. Rituals and Traditions

Spend some time together as a household sharing childhood photos and
memories. Play a favourite childhood game or recreate a childhood outing or
experience.



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