



TAKING FAITH home

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THIS WEEK'S THEME:
Hold tight to your faith

mealtime prayer

Lord, you fill us with joy when we are with you; and your blessings to us never end. Thank you, God! Amen.
PSALM 16:11

verse for the week

Let us hold firmly to the hope that we have confessed, because we can trust God to do what he promised.
HEBREWS 10:23

blessing

May God protect you in body, soul and mind. May God keep you strong in following him, now and always. 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 13:1-8	Signs of the end of the age
Monday	Matthew 24:23-31	The coming of the Son of Man
Tuesday	1 John 2:18-28	Warning against antichrists
Wednesday	1 John 4:1-6	The true Spirit and false spirits
Thursday	2 John 1:7-11	Watch out
Friday	Jude 17-25	Final warnings and instructions
Saturday	Psalms 31:19-24	The Lord preserves the faithful
Sunday	John 18:33-37	Jesus, the King of truth



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:

- Have you ever been tricked or fooled by someone? Share your story.
- Jesus said to his disciples, "Watch out and don't let anyone fool you!" (Mark 13:5) What things draw people away from trusting and following Jesus? What things help them to stay strong and grow in their faith?
- What is something that has encouraged you in your faith in the past week?



2. Devotional Practices

Hebrews 10:24 tells us to keep meeting together regularly as Christians to encourage and motivate one another in following Jesus and serving others. In your home devotional times this week, name ways in which God has used members of your household to bring glory to him and good to others. Support each person with this cheer: *Praise God for ... (Name)!!*



3. Service

Plan a special gift that you can donate to help the needy in your community this Christmas – for example, begin purchasing non-perishable food items to make up a Christmas hamper or gift basket. Contact a local community organisation or charity that distributes aid to needy homes for advice on how to best donate your gift.



4. Rituals and Traditions

Psalms 16:7 says: "I will praise the Lord. He gives me good advice. Even at night my heart teaches me." When we read or listen to God's Word at the end of the day, our hearts and minds are filled with good things that carry us through the night. Even as we sleep God's Spirit is at work, ministering to us and leading us. As a household, commit to each spending a few moments reading or listening to God's Word before you go to sleep this week. Parents, use the Bible or Bible storybooks for bedtime stories with your children. Memorise Psalm 4:8 to say with them – "I can lie down and sleep soundly because you, Lord, will keep me safe."

