

TAKING FAITH HOME

30th December 2012



the *faith*5 faith acts in the home



share your highs and lows of the day or discuss some of the questions from the **FOURKEYS** caring conversations.



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	Luke 2:41-52	The boy Jesus at the temple
Monday	1 Samuel 1:20-28	Samuel presented at the Lord's house
Tuesday	1 Samuel 3:1-19	The boy Samuel in the Lord's house
Wednesday	Luke 2:21-40	Jesus presented at the temple
Thursday	Mark 11:15-18	Jesus clears the temple
Friday	Luke 20:1-8	Jesus teaches at the temple
Saturday	Psalms 122	Let us go to the Lord's house
Sunday	Matthew 2:1-12	Wise men come to worship Jesus



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



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



bless one another using the following blessing or make up your own.

mealt ime prayer

Lord Jesus, we join together these Christmas days, with shepherds and angels, to give you praise. Be present here, as at the stable, and bless the sharing around our table. Amen.

verse for the week

Let Christ's word live in you like a rich treasure. Teach and correct each other wisely. Sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing with thanks in your hearts to God.

COLOSSIANS 3:16 (NIRV)

blessing

May God's favour rest on you. May you grow wise and strong as his child. Amen.

LUKE 2:52

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for practising faith



Discuss in your household or small group:

- The Gospel of Luke tells us that as a boy, Jesus grew wiser, stronger and more pleasing to God and to other people – in other words, he grew mentally, physically, spiritually and emotionally. In what ways would you like to grow more?
- In spending time at the temple, Jesus showed his desire to grow spiritually. What steps are you taking to grow as a Christian?



Colossians 3:16 invites us to take in God's Word like a "rich treasure". Agree on one or more goals as a household to help you grow in God's Word – for example, to:

- learn a bible verse together each month.
- read through a book of the Bible together.
- listen to Christian music in your home.
- learn some hymns or Christian songs.
- have personal devotional times.



December 26 was observed as "Boxing Day" in many parts of the world. The name of the day is derived from a tradition of giving gifts (a "Christmas box") to the less fortunate members of society. Do you have excess non-perishable food items in your home after Christmas? Gather these together in a box to donate to a household in need or to a local charity.



For centuries, Christmas was a twelve-day season that began on December 25 and ended on January 6 with the celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany. In the last century, the Catholic Church has added to this season the Feast of the Holy Family (usually observed on Sunday 30 December), focused on the blessings of Christian household life.

Aim to use the remaining days of Christmas to enrich your household life. Brainstorm activities that you could do together during these days. Agree on one shared activity for each day of the season. They need not be expensive or complicated – the purpose is that you spend intentional time together enjoying one another. Observe one of the days as your own household "festival day" with a special meal or outing. Talk together about what your household means to you.



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