

TAKING FAITH HOME

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the **faith5** 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 24:1-12	He is risen!
Monday	John 20:1-18	Seeing the risen Christ
Tuesday	Isaiah 65:17-25	New heavens and a new earth
Wednesday	Luke 24:13-49	The risen Christ is revealed
Thursday	Acts 13:26-37	Paul tells of Jesus' resurrection
Friday	1 Peter 3:18-22	Saved through the resurrection
Saturday	Psalms 98	Marvelous things!
Sunday	John 20:19-31	Seeing Christ's wounds



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.

mealtime prayer easter

Lord of the empty tomb,
as you fill our bodies
with food, fill our lives
with hope, and our
hearts with love.
Alleluia!

verse for the week

The women were terrified. They
bowed down with their faces to the
ground. Then the men said to
them, "Why do you look for the
living among the dead? Jesus is
not here! He has risen!"

LUKE 24:5-6A (NIRV)

blessing

May the resurrection of
Jesus give you joy and
hope. May he live within
you, this day and always.
Amen.

FOURKEYS

for practising faith



Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you received some amazing news. How did you react?
- Jesus' followers reacted in different ways to the news that he had risen from the dead (read Luke 24:4-12). If you were there, how do you think you would have reacted?
- Is the resurrection of Jesus important to you? Why?



During the seven weeks of Easter, many churches light Paschal Candles to remind churchgoers that the Risen Jesus is in their midst. Choose a candle to serve as your Resurrection Candle for the Easter Season (you may wish to use a brightly colored one). Light the candle when you gather for your home devotion times. As it is lit, say the "Words to Share" for this week.

Christ is risen: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Christ's resurrection means that God is alive and at work in our world. Invite household members to share where and how they have seen God at work in the past day (e.g. "I saw God at work in the beautiful sunrise", "I saw God at work in mother's cooking", "I saw God at work in the fun we had together.")



Flowers are signs of life and joy, and are often used to symbolise Easter. Make up or purchase a bouquet of "resurrection flowers" to give to someone who is sick, in hospital, or going through a difficult time.



Easter Sunday is the most important day of the church year, but the celebration of Easter does not end there. It continues for a full fifty days, right through until Pentecost. The Great Fifty Days of Easter are a wonderful opportunity to explore and celebrate Easter more fully than we can possibly squeeze into a single day.

Make up a large cross out of posterboard, cardboard or wood. Cut out 50 "flowers" from sheets of color paper. Each morning or evening of the Easter Season, ask a household member to share something they saw or experienced during the day which gives cause to say "Alleluia", and then have them place a "flower" on the cross. On Pentecost Sunday you will have a colourful reminder of God's good work in your lives.



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