

AUGUST 24, 2014
11TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Jesus is God's Son.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Matthew 16:13-20	Peter's confession of Christ
Monday	John 1:43-49	The confession of Nathanael
Tuesday	John 11:17-27	Martha's confession of Christ
Wednesday	Matthew 27:50-54	The confession of soldiers
Thursday	Acts 9:20-31	Saul's confession of Christ
Friday	Romans 1:1-6	Testimony to Jesus, Son of God
Saturday	Isaiah 45:18-25	There is no other God
Sunday	Matthew 16:21-28	Take up your cross and follow

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then Jesus asked them, "But who do you say I am?" Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
Matthew 16:15-16

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, help us to show that we believe you are God's Son through what we think, say and do today. Amen. (Matthew 16:16)

Mealtime Prayer:

Son of God, come be our guest, our thanks to receive and these gifts to bless. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord answer your prayers. May he make you strong and brave to witness for him. Amen. (Psalm 138:3)

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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you had a different view from someone else.
- What are some of the different ideas people have about Jesus? Who do you say Jesus is?
- In what ways do you show or tell others what you believe about Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

In Romans 12:1, the apostle Paul encourages Christians to offer their whole bodies in service to God. As part of your home devotional times this week, draw a large outline of a body (or trace around someone). Talk about how we can use different parts of our bodies (eyes, ears, hands, feet, etc.) to serve God and confess our faith in Jesus. Write your ideas on the paper. Place your body drawing on a wall and use it as a focal point for action and prayer during the week.

SERVICE

Romans 12:6-8 lists a number of different gifts that God gives to his people: telling others the Good News (prophecy), helping others, teaching, encouraging, sharing or giving, leading, and showing kindness to others. Name the gifts you see at work in different members of your family. Talk about ways you can use these gifts to serve God in your church, family and community.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Peter confessed his faith in Jesus as the Son of God, and Jesus called him the "rock" upon which he would build his church. Make a rock sculpture to place in your home or in your garden. Position a cross atop the sculpture or paint the words, "*Jesus is the Son of God,*" on the rocks.



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