

JUNE 7, 2015  
SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

# taking<sup>+</sup> faith home

Staying united with others in faith and love.

## 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	Mark 3:20-35	Doing the work of God
Monday	Ephesians 5:25-33	Husbands and wives
Tuesday	Ephesians 6:1-4	Children and parents
Wednesday	Proverbs 6:20-23	Learning from our parents
Thursday	1 Corinthians 13:1-7	Love described
Friday	1 John 4:7-12	Love one another
Saturday	Psalms 103:1-13	A father's compassion
Sunday	Mark 4:26-34	Two parables of seeds

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"If a family divides itself into groups which fight each other, that family will fall apart." Mark 3:25 (GNT)

### SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, thank you for the gift of family. Help us to remain united, serving you and loving one another. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

God, thanks for all you give so we are fed. May we love you back from toe to head. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May God fill your life with faith, hope and love. May he renew you in spirit every day. Amen. (2 Corinthians 4:16)

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## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What things bring family members together? What things divide them?
- How does faith in God affect our family relationships?
- Jesus says that everyone who does God's will is his "brother and sister and mother." What does it mean to you that Jesus has called you a very close family member? What does it mean for your relationships with others?

## DEVOTIONS

As part of your household devotion time this week, create a "Web of Appreciation." You will need a ball of yarn. Gather your family members in one room. Have one person attach the end of the yarn to a finger. Have him/her affirm, thank or encourage another household member and then toss the ball of yarn to that person. The second person does likewise to another person and so on. Continue until all family members have expressed appreciation for each member at least one time until a web of yarn has been formed. Then, discuss what draws together or unites you as a household, and what pulls you apart or divides you. Pray for God's help to become a more united household. Pray that Jesus will be at work as your brother, holding you together in faith and love.

## SERVICE

As Christians, we are Jesus' brothers, sisters, fathers and mothers! We can show our love for Jesus by serving the biological brothers, sisters, fathers and mothers in our lives. Invite each household member to carry out one act of service for their brother, sister, father or mother this week. If there is tension between two family members, encourage them to focus their acts of service on each other in an effort to improve their relationship.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Set aside some time this week to explore your family history. Make up a family tree showing your cousins, uncles, aunts, grandparents, great-grandparents and so on. Look together at any family history books you may have. Share what you know about the life stories of your relatives. Discuss ways in which your family history has shaped who you are today, both individually and as a household.



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