

DECEMBER 27, 2015
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
CHRISTMAS

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Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

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

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Let the message about Christ completely fill your lives, while you use all your wisdom to teach and instruct each other. With thankful hearts, sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. **Colossians 3:16 (CEV)**

SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

O God, help me to live this week as your child—with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Amen. (Colossians 3:12)

Mealtime 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.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's favor rest on you. May you grow wise and strong as God's child. Amen. (Luke 2:52)



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CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home 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?
- In spending time at the temple, Jesus showed his desire to grow spiritually. What steps are you taking to grow as a Christian?

DEVOTIONS



Colossians 3:16 invites us to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." Establish one or more goals to grow in God's Word. For example:

- 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

SERVICE



December 26th is 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 local food pantry.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Colossians 3:16 serves as a wonderful blessing. It could be used at bedtime or before friends or families depart. Commit to offering these words to special people in your life: "**May the word of Christ dwell in you richly.**" You may want to add the sign of the cross on the other person's forehead.



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