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*God's faithful love brings us joy.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 2:1-11	The wedding at Cana
Monday	1 Cor. 12:1-11	Spiritual gifts
Tuesday	Luke 5:33-39	Jesus speaks of new wine
Wednesday	Genesis 2:18-25	God institutes marriage
Thursday	Ephesians 5:21-33	Paul speaks about marriage
Friday	Hebrews 13:1-8	Marriage should be honored
Saturday	Psalms 36:5-9	Feasting in God's house
Sunday	Luke 4:14-21	Jesus returns to Nazareth

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but they all come from the same Spirit. The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others.

**1 Corinthians 12:4,7 (CEV)**

#### **SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:**

##### **A Prayer for the Week:**

O God, help us to make good use of the gifts you have given us. Amen. (1 Cor. 12:4-7)

##### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, as you blessed the feast at Cana, bless our eating and drinking. Make us new people, full of love for you and for one another. Amen.

##### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Holy Spirit bless you with faith to believe in Jesus and with gifts to serve him. Amen.  
(1 Corinthians 12:1-11)



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### CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home or small group:

- What are your gifts and talents? What gifts and talents do you see in those around you?
- 1 Corinthians 12 tells us that all Christians have been given special gifts from the Holy Spirit to serve God and others. What different "spiritual gifts" can you name?
- What spiritual gifts do you think you may have? How are you putting these to use to serve God and others?

### DEVOTIONS



This Sunday's epistle reading from 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 teaches us that the Christian community is filled with gifts of the Spirit. These gifts enable some of us to be teachers or counselors, prophets or preachers, healers or leaders. As part of your devotion time this week, talk about the gifts of the Spirit you see at work in one another. Which household members reveal these gifts?

- Ability to communicate well with others
- Wisdom about how to live
- A healing touch
- Understanding of others' needs
- Ability to express one's faith

### SERVICE



Who in your community is preparing to be married? Work together as a household to write a prayer for them. Use it this week in your household devotion times. Send a copy of the prayer to them, letting them know that you have been praying for them.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Jesus' appearance at the wedding at Cana shows that God loves weddings and desires to bless married couples that want God to be part of their lives. This week is a good time for husbands and wives to share with their children or grandchildren about their own weddings, and in what ways Jesus is a part of their marriage. They may wish to show wedding photos and reminisce with family and friends about the day of their wedding.



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