

TAKING FAITH HOME

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the *faith*5 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.

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| Sunday | Luke 13:10-17 | Jesus heals on the Sabbath |
| Monday | Genesis 2:1-3 | The seventh day |
| Tuesday | Exodus 20:8-11 | Remember the Sabbath day |
| Wednesday | Isaiah 58:5-13 | Worship that pleases God |
| Thursday | Luke 6:1-5 | Picking grain on the Sabbath |
| Friday | Luke 6:6-11 | Another Sabbath healing |
| Saturday | Psalms 92 | A Sabbath day psalm |
| Sunday | Luke 14:1,7-14 | Humility and hospitality |



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

O God, who gives us daily bread, our thanks to you we raise. Be present at our table here, and fill our hearts with praise. Amen.

verse for the week

So let us be thankful, because we have a kingdom that cannot be shaken.
HEBREWS 12:28A (NCV)

blessing

May God fill your life with good things. May he forgive your sins and make you feel new and strong. Amen.
PSALM 103:3-5

FOURKEYS

for practising faith

Discuss in your household or small group:



- What is the worst injury or sickness you have had? Share your story.
- Jesus met a woman who had been crippled for 18 years. What are some of the things that cripple people – physically? emotionally? spiritually?
- Jesus healed the woman, saying “you are now free from your trouble” (Luke 13:12). In what ways has Jesus freed you from trouble?



In Luke 13:10-17 we find Jesus talking to the leader of a Jewish synagogue about the Sabbath, the Jewish day of worship. Most Christians worship on Sunday, the day of Jesus’ resurrection. In your home devotion times this week, read and discuss Martin Luther’s explanation of the Third Commandment in his Small Catechism:

Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.

What does this mean for us?

We are to fear & love God so that we do not neglect his Word & the preaching of it but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.



Isaiah 58:7 says: “Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help”. Plan one action for this week in response to this verse e.g. make a donation to a foodbank for the needy, give unused clothes to a charity organization, volunteer time at a soup kitchen, visit an elderly relative.



God spoke to his people through the prophet Isaiah about his holy day. He said: “Honour my holy day. Do not work on it. Do not do just anything you want to. Do not talk about things that are worthless. Then you will find your joy in me.” How does your household observe the Lord’s day? Think about using one or more of these ideas:

- After you go to church talk together about what took place there (e.g. What did God do for you? What did you learn? What’s your response?).
- Make time on Sundays to share your “Highs” and “Lows” from the past week and to talk and pray about the upcoming week.
- Decide on a special food or a special activity to share only on Sundays.
- Light a candle for each meal on Sunday. Say together: “This is the Lord’s Day, we will rejoice in it.”
- Set aside an hour each Sunday for quiet time in your home – a time without TV, music or other forms of media.



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