Growing FAITH at home

4 March 2018

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Caring Conversations

SHARE

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1. Describe what it means to worship God.
2. Jesus became angry when he saw that the temple was being used as a marketplace. Why do you think he felt that way?
3. What stops you from worshipping God? What helps you?

Devotions

READ Daily Bible Readings

S	John 2:13-22	Jesus cleanses the temple
M	Exodus 20:1-17	The Ten Commandments
T	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Christ crucified
W	Matthew 22:34-40	The greatest commandment
T	Matthew 5:43-48	Love for enemies
F	Romans 13:8-10	Love for one another
S	Psalm 19	God as creator and giver of the law
S	John 3:14-21	God so loved the world

TALK

Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions

PRAY

Lord, may the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts please you. Amen.

BLESS

May God make you wise, so that you believe in Jesus and are saved.

Lent is a time to worship God from the heart.

verse for the week

You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and with all your mind.

MATTHEW 22:37

Creative Response

Read Exodus 20:1-17.

The Ten Commandments tell us how God wants us to live and care for our neighbour. In your home devotional time this week, focus on the Ten Commandments, two at a time. Talk about what each one means, and pray for God's help to keep them. Try to memorise them.

MONDAY

I am the Lord your God: You shall have no other gods.
You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

TUESDAY

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
Honour your father and your mother.

WEDNESDAY

You shall not kill.
You shall not commit adultery.

THURSDAY

You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

FRIDAY

You shall not covet your neighbour's house.
You shall not covet your neighbour's wife or his manservant or his maidservant or his cattle or anything that is your neighbour's.

Service

The temple was a "sacred place" for God's Old Testament people. Talk together about what are sacred places or items for your household, through which you are reminded of God's presence.

Design a sacred place especially for Lent: decorate an area in your home with a cross, candles and various items, symbols or pictures associated with Lent (you may wish to use lots of purple, the church colour for Lent).

mealtime prayer

For all we eat and all we wear, for daily bread and loving care, we thank you, God. Amen.

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