

7 October 2018

TWENTIETH  
SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

Jesus welcomes and  
blesses children

verse for the week

"Let the little  
children come to  
me; Don't keep  
them away. God's  
kingdom belongs to  
people like them."

MARK 10:14



SHARE

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

1

Share a favourite  
childhood  
memory.

2

Jesus has a  
special love for  
little children. What  
does this say to  
you about what  
God is like?

3

Jesus placed  
his hand on the  
little children and  
blessed them. In  
what ways have you  
experienced God  
blessing on you?  
How has God used  
your hands to  
bless others?



## Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Mark 10:2-16	Jesus blesses the children
M	Genesis 2:18-24	God creates a partner for man
T	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	All things created through God's Son
W	Matthew 18:1-6	Welcoming a little child
T	Deuteronomy 11:13-21	Teaching the children
F	Ephesians 6:1-9	Instructions for the household
S	Psalm 8	God honours humanity
S	Mark 10:17-31	A rich man goes away sad



TALK

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

## Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Loving God,  
wrap us in your  
arms and bless  
us. Amen.



BLESS

May the Lord  
Jesus Christ take  
you into his arms  
and bless you;  
may he protect  
and care for you,  
now and always.

## Creative Response

Give attention to blessing one another in  
your home this week (at bedtimes, or when  
people leave for work/school etc). Use one  
of the blessings from Growing Faith at Home  
or one of these:

- 'May the Lord cover you with his peace,  
fill you with his love, and keep you safe in  
his care. Amen'
- 'The Lord bless you and protect you: the  
Lord show you kindness and be gracious  
to you; the Lord grant you his favour and  
give you his peace. Amen'
- 'May the Lord protect you when you are  
awake (sign cross on the forehead); and  
watch over you when you sleep (sign  
cross over eyes); that awake you may  
keep watch with Christ, and asleep,  
rest in his peace (sign cross over heart).  
Amen'

### mealtime prayer

With this food you make us strong. To you our life  
and love belong. Thank you, God! Amen.

## Service



In the readings  
this week Jesus  
also teaches about  
marriage.

Spend some time looking  
through wedding photos.

Pray for all marriages and  
married couples you know.

Think of a married couple  
you could encourage.

Write them a note, prepare  
a gift for them to enjoy, or  
if they have children, offer  
childcare so the parents  
can go out together.