



Sundays after Pentecost

GREEN is a sign of life and nature and as such
represents growth, life and hope.

verse for the week
Then he said to them
all: "Whoever wants
to be my disciple must
deny themselves and
take up their cross
daily and follow me."

LUKE 9:23



SHARE

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

1

What is something
that you have put
off doing? Why?

2

Jesus asked
people to
follow him, but
sometimes they
put it off, saying
"I need to do
this or that first"
(Luke 9:59-61).
Is it hard for you
to follow Jesus
sometimes? If
so, in what ways?

3

If Jesus asked
you to move
somewhere else
to do his will,
what would be
hardest for you to
leave behind?

Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

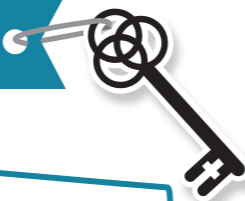
S	Luke 9:51-62	The cost of following Jesus
M	Luke 9:21-27	Following Jesus
T	Luke 14:25-34	Considering the cost
W	Luke 5:27-31	Levi follows Christ
T	Matthew 13:1-8	A crop is produced
F	Galatians 5: 13-25	Living by the Spirit's power
S	Psalms 16	What a wonderful inheritance!
S	Luke 10:1-11,16-20	Jesus sends out the seventy-two



TALK

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Lord Jesus, we
want to work for
you. Please help
us to let go of
things that hold
us back. Amen.



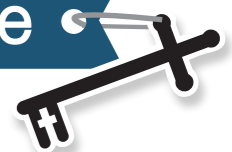
BLESS

May God's love
enable you to
follow Jesus.

Creative Response

- Share any opportunities you had for witnessing about Christ during the week at school, at work, in the neighbourhood or at home.
- Start a prayer list of the names of three people you would like to come to have a faith in Jesus. Pray for the Holy Spirit to show you ways that you could share the gospel with them.
- Invite your neighbours for a meal at your home. Get to know them and their needs.
- Make your home a welcoming place for your children's friends.
- Encourage your children to invite their friends to your church youth events, to Sunday morning worship or to a church youth or kids camp.

Service



Some followers of Jesus today still give up 'home, family, and means of income' to share him with others. Do you know of anyone who has done this (e.g. missionaries in other countries)? Ask your pastor or church friends to suggest someone to you. Find their address and write a note of encouragement and thanks to them. Pray for them this week. Find out more about mission in the LCA (Lutheran Church of Australia) here: <http://www.lca.org.au/board-for-mission.html>

mealtime prayer

Thank you, Lord, for potatoes and meat. We love
being your hands and feet. Amen.