



Growing FAITH at home

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God cares for the needy.



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Sunday between
September 4 and
September 10



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about a time when you were in need. Who helped you?
2. The apostle James reminds us that having faith means that we are concerned with the needs of others (James 2:14-17). Can you see any needs in the people around you? (What are they?)
3. How are you involved in helping to provide for the needs of others? (Look at the service idea this week).



BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

S	Mark 7:24-37	Jesus heals the Gentiles
M	Isaiah 35:4-7a	The return of the exiled
T	James 2:1-17	Faith without works is dead
W	Luke 18:1-8	The widow and the unjust judge
T	Hosea 12:2-6	Return to your God
F	Mark 9:14-29	Jesus gives a boy speech
S	Psalms 146	Praise for God's help

VERSE OF THE WEEK

say to those who hearts are afraid,
'Be strong. Do not fear. Your God will come'.

ISAIAH 35:4



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Gather stories from the newspaper, magazines or the internet which describe people in need.

Place them on a poster, pinboard or in your family prayer book. Pray for these situations and people in need as you gather together this week. Close by praying the Lord's Prayer.



ACTION RESPONSE

Create a permanent category on your shopping list entitled 'Items for those in need'.

Whenever you shop for groceries, purchase non-perishable items, toiletries etc to contribute to your church community outreach food box.

Involve different people in your household to choose items for purchase.

Pray together for God to bless those who will receive your donations.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, as we thank you for all that you give us, bless those who have little. Give us hearts that care and hands that share. Amen.



PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who comes to bring mercy and healing for our daily lives. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Lord lift you up, watch over you, and uphold you now and always.