



Growing FAITH at home

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

YEAR A

Jesus teaches us about the ways of God



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Is there a teacher you admire or respect? What have you learnt from them?
2. Jesus said that God blesses those who are humble, those who stand up for what is good and right, those who are forgiving, and those who work for peace. Share some real-life examples of these behaviours with one another.



BIBLE READINGS

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

S Matthew 5:1-12	The sermon on the mount
M Micah 6:1-8	What God wants from you
T Isaiah 51:12-16	Our God of comfort
W Jeremiah 22:1-5,15-16	Do what is just and right
T Matthew 9:10-13	Jesus speaks of mercy
F 1 Corinthians 1:18-31	God's power and wisdom
S Psalm 15	Living on God's holy hill

VERSE OF THE WEEK

The Lord has told you what he wants from you: to do what is right to other people, love being kind to others, and live humbly, obeying your God.

MICAH 6:8



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Matthew 5:3-11 speaks of blessings. A wonderful ritual to practise regularly in your home is that of blessing one another.

When we bless another person we are calling upon God to show his goodness and kindness to them, as well as demonstrating our own care and concern for them. There are three basic elements to a personal blessing – God's name, words and touch (e.g. a hand on a shoulder, or making the sign of the cross on their forehead or palm). Good times for using blessings in a home are mealtimes, bedtimes and at daily farewells (e.g. when children leave for school or parents leave for work).

Use this week's blessing for each member of your household and experiment with the practice throughout the week.



MEALTIME PRAYER

God, you have blessed us with daily bread.

Bless us also with gratitude, generosity and compassion for others. Amen.



PRAYER

God, help us to live in peace with one another, and to bring peace where there is trouble. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

The prophet Micah told God's people that he wanted them to worship him not only with their words but with their actions – he wanted them to show kindness and mercy to others and to treat them in good and right ways. Decide on a 'Micah' challenge you can take on as a household to bless your community this month.



BLESSING

May God make your life a great blessing to others.