

# Taking Faith Home

Date xx, 2009

Scripture Verse for this Week:

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- Say at mealtime, read at bedtime, and try to commit to memory

Mealtime Prayer:

Amen.

## Our Four Keys to Passing on the Faith

Caring Conversation:

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Devotional Practices:

Rituals and Traditions:

Service:

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June 28, 2009

Scripture Verse for this Week: Lamentations 3:22-23 (NLT)

“The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

- Say at mealtime, read at bedtime, and try to commit to memory

Mealtime Prayer:

With this food you make us strong. To you our life and love belong. Thanks be to you, O God! Amen.

## Our Four Keys to Passing on the Faith

Caring Conversation:

- Have you ever felt “stuck”? Have you ever thought “I don’t know how I’m going to do this, or get through this”?
- Read the story of Jesus and Jairus in Mark 5:21-24, 35-43. What different feelings do you think Jairus had as these events took place?
- How has Jesus helped you when you have felt worried, sad or afraid?

Devotional Practices:

This week we enter the second half of the year. Take a few minutes this week to share your “highs” and “lows” from the first half of the year, and your hopes for the next six months. Pray together for God’s blessing upon your household over the remainder of 2009.

Rituals and Traditions:

Touch is a very important God-given way of expressing love and care for others. In fact, science has shown that as humans we need the touch of others to stay healthy in body, mind and spirit. In your prayer times this week, hold hands as you pray. Talk together about how you might use other forms of healthy and positive touch in your household, e.g. hugs, “high fives”, or blessings.

Service:

The woman who touched Jesus’ cloak and was healed was an “outsider” amongst her own people: her illness meant that others saw her as “unclean” and avoided her. Discuss together: “Who are the ‘outsiders’ in our society? Who are the people that are looked down upon or left out?” Decide on one way that you, as a household, can reach out to someone who may be feeling left out in some way.

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June 21, 2009

Scripture Verse for this Week: – 2 Corinthians 6:2 (CEV)

*“In the Scriptures God says, “When the time came, I listened to you, and when you needed help, I came to save you.” That time has come. This is the day for you to be saved.”*

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Mealtime Prayer:

For all we eat, and all we wear; For daily bread and nightly care; For your good gifts to use and share; We thank you, Lord. Amen.

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Caring Conversation:

- Share about or draw a picture to represent a time when you felt scared. What did you do?
- How does faith in Jesus help us when we are afraid?
- In 2 Corinthians 6:4-10, the apostle Paul writes about his hard times as a follower of Jesus. How might God use our experiences in hard times to bring about good?

Devotional Practices:

In your household devotion time this week, have a dramatic reading or act out the story of Jesus’ calming the sea (Mark 4:35-41).

Rituals and Traditions:

Plan a household visit to a local lake or creek. Make play boats out of used food or drink containers and enjoy sailing these together. Talk about the significance of water as a gift from God both in our physical lives and our spiritual lives (i.e. baptism).

Service:

Think of someone you know who is going through a tough time. Plan a special gift for them e.g. a bunch of flowers, a plate of cookies or a prepared meal. Arrange to visit them during this next week.