

### Daily Readings

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it”  
Psalm 118:24

### Looking Back . . .

<b>Sunday</b>	John 15:1-8	The true vine and the branches
<b>Monday</b>	Psalm 80	A covenant of restoration
<b>Tuesday</b>	Isaiah 5:1-7	The song of the unfruitful vineyard
<b>Wednesday</b>	John 14:18-31	The promise of the Holy Spirit

### Looking Ahead . . .

<b>Thursday</b>	Psalm 98	Sing a new song to the Lord
<b>Friday</b>	Isaiah 42:5-9	Called to righteousness
<b>Saturday</b>	Mark 10:42-45	Not to be served but to serve
<b>Sunday</b>	John 15:9-17	Love one another as I have loved you

### Household Service

### Easter Season: Hunger Issues

Take time as a family to learn about hunger issues where you live and around the world. There is a simple project for each week of Easter to help you and your household learn about hunger and provide a real gift to help your local community.

#### Week 5:

Pack up and Bless: Get all your groceries in the bags you decorated. Say a prayer for the people who will receive this food and that this food may be a blessing to them. Deliver your bags.

### “Dinner” Devotions

#### Meal Prayer

Thank you, God, for all our food; tasty, healthy, filling and good. Teach us how to share the feast, with those who are hungry and have the least.  
Amen.

#### The Story

The True Vine - John 15:1-14

Jesus tells a story that compares our relationship with God and each other to the care a vine growers shows his plants.

#### Conversations

Day 1

John 15:1-2

Have you ever seen people who work on trees cut out dead branches? Why do you think this makes the tree healthier?

Day 2

John 15:3-4

How does a branch “abide” in the vine? How should we abide in Jesus?

Day 3

John 15:5-8

Why are the branches important to the vine? What part of the vine lives in the branches? How should Jesus’ word live in you?

Day 4

John 15:9-11

What does it feel like to be loved? Do you remember what Jesus called the greatest commandment? (Matt 22:36-38)

Day 5

John 15:12-14

What do you think Jesus is talking about when he talks about laying down your life? Are there other ways to lay down your life for others?

#### Blessing

May the living Christ raise you up and bring you joy! Alleluia!

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