

## Daily Readings

"I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being." Psalm 104:33

## Looking Back . . .

<b>Sunday</b>	Ezekiel 17:22-24	Everything flourishes in the Lord
<b>Monday</b>	Psalm 52	Trust in the steadfast love of God
<b>Tuesday</b>	Revelation 21:22-22:5	The Lord God will reign forever and ever
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jeremiah 22:1-9	Act with righteousness

## Looking Ahead . . .

<b>Thursday</b>	Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32	The Lord brings us out of distress
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 21:1-16	Paul's journey to Jerusalem
<b>Saturday</b>	Job 29:1-20	Job recalls his happy former life
<b>Sunday</b>	Mark 4:35-41	Jesus stills the storm

## Household Service

### Pentecost: Caring for Creation

Take some time to focus on caring for creation at home, your neighborhood, town, and world! Each week focuses on a small project that your whole household can do together.

#### Week 4:

Take a walk around your neighborhood. Grab a plastic bag and some gloves and pick up any trash (or even dog poop if you are brave!) that you find. Count the pieces of trash as you go. How much did you find? Do you think your neighborhood is pretty clean or does it need some help? Brainstorm ways you can help keep your neighborhood clean.

## "Dinner" Devotions

### Meal Prayer

Spirit move around our table, teach us to help where we are able. Thanks for the food that makes us strong, to make things right where things are wrong. Amen.

### The Story

Samuel Anoints David - 1 Samuel 16:1-13  
God rejects Saul as the king of Israel and sends Samuel to find a new king in Bethlehem.

### Conversations

#### Day 1

1 Samuel 16:1-3  
Have you ever had to trust that everything would be fine, even though you didn't have all the information that you needed?

#### Day 2

1 Samuel 16:4-5  
Have you ever met anyone famous or important (like an athlete, actor or official)? How did it make you feel, or how do you think it would make you feel?

#### Day 3

1 Samuel 16:6-10  
Is it easier to judge someone by how they look or by how they act? Which do you think is better? Have you ever been judged by your appearance?

#### Day 4

1 Samuel 16:11-12  
How would you feel if you were one of the older sons? Why do you think that God chose David?

#### Day 5

1 Samuel 16:13  
How does it feel to be chosen first for something (like a sports team)? How does it feel to be chosen last?

### Blessing

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<b>Sunday</b>	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	We will be raised by God
<b>Monday</b>	Psalm 74:1-11	The psalmist wonders where is God?
<b>Tuesday</b>	Psalm 74:12-23	God is God of all working salvation on earth
<b>Wednesday</b>	Luke 11:14-28	Jesus casts out demons

## Looking Ahead . . .

<b>Thursday</b>	Psalm 92:1-4	It is good to give thanks to the Lord
<b>Friday</b>	Psalm 92:12-15	The Lord is our rock
<b>Saturday</b>	Mark 4:1-20	Let our hearts be good soil
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Take a look at your own garbage and/or recycling. Are you recycling at all? Are you recycling what you can in your home? Is there a way you could do more? Check out your church—are you recycling there? If the answer is no to these questions, brainstorm some ways you can help encourage others to recycle or how you can start in your home. If you are recycling, check out composting!

Did you miss a week? Download inserts at our website!  
[faithformationjourneys.blogspot.com](http://faithformationjourneys.blogspot.com)

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Parables of Seeds and Growth - Luke 8:4-15

Jesus uses stories to explain the Kingdom of God. Some people hear, but do not understand.

### Conversations

Day 1

Luke 8:4-8

Does the story of the sower sound wasteful to you? If you were going to plant would you be more careful?

Day 2

Luke 8:4-8

Why do you think Jesus tells this story? What do you think verse 8 means, and how does it relate to the story of the sower?

Day 3

Luke 8:9-10

Jesus says that stories sometimes help people to understand a difficult idea. Can you think of a time when a story helped you understand something difficult?

Day 4

Luke 8:11-15

Do you think about the Kingdom of God differently after hearing this story? Why or why not?

Day 5

Luke 8:11-15

In the story, the sower wastes a bunch of seeds by throwing them everywhere. How is the good news of God's Kingdom different from seeds? Do you think it is good to share the good news like the sower spread the seeds?

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