

Daily Readings

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

Looking Back . . .

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

Looking Ahead . . .

Thursday	Psalm 98	Sing a new song to the Lord
Friday	Isaiah 42:5-9	Called to righteousness
Saturday	Mark 10:42-45	Not to be served but to serve
Sunday	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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