

Daily Bible Readings:

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. Try to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	Luke 14:1,7-14	Humility and hospitality
Monday	Luke 14:15-23	God's hospitality to the lowly
Tuesday	Genesis 18:1-8	Abraham shows hospitality
Wednesday	1 Kings 3:1-15	Solomon humbles himself
Thursday	Matthew 20:20-28	A request for seats of honor
Friday	1 Peter 4:7-11	Be hospitable to one another
Saturday	Psalms 10	Warnings against pride and arrogance
Sunday	Luke 14:25-33	The cost of being a disciple

Scripture Verse for the Week:

Jesus said: "If you put yourself above others, you will be put down. But if you humble yourself, you will be honored."

– Luke 14:11 (CEV)

- Cut out & carry with you.
- Say at each mealtime.
- Read at bedtime.
- Commit to memory.

Prayer for this Week:

Lord Jesus, teach me to be humble like you. Help me to welcome all people in your name. Amen. (Luke 14:7-14)

For Throughout the Day:

Lord God, help me to be content with what I have, trusting that you will never let me down. Amen. (Hebrews 13:5)

A Blessing to Share:

God be with you today, in all that you do and all that you say. Amen.

Mealtime Refrain:

God will never leave us:

He will never abandon us. (Hebrews 13:5)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, you care for the poor and lift up the humble. May we be thankful and never grumble. Amen.



Faith Talk:

- What does it mean to be proud? What does it mean to be humble?
- Jesus says that if we put ourselves above others, we will be humbled; but if we humble ourselves, we will be honored. How do you understand Jesus' words?
- How has Jesus been a humble servant to us? In response, what are some ways we can show humble service to others?

Devotional Practices:

Hebrews 13:7 says "Don't forget about your leaders who taught you God's message. Remember what kind of lives they lived and try to have faith like theirs." In your home devotion times this week pray for Christian leaders who teach you about God – pastors, teachers, Sunday school leaders, youth leaders etc. Talk about what you see in them that you would like to imitate. Plan a way to express your thanks and appreciation to them.

Service:

When eating at the house of an important Pharisee, Jesus said: "When you put on a luncheon or a banquet don't invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward." Make plans to invite someone you don't know very well to share a meal at your home. Think together about how you can work as a household to make them feel as welcome as possible.

Rituals and Traditions:

Allocate days during this week when different household members will be "honored" by others. Set a special place at your mealtable for the honored person and talk about acts of service that can be undertaken in their honor on their special day (e.g. make their bed, tidy their room, do chores on their behalf). At the end of the week share what it was like to be served by others and to serve them.

Parent Toolbox: Offering Hospitality to Others

Inviting others to be guests in our homes is an excellent way to teach our children about offering hospitality to others. But remember that hospitality is not about putting on a special meal or having a spotless home to show off. It's about welcoming people into our lives as we are and them as they are. Good hospitality focuses on giving not just food but our true selves to the guest. It treats the guest as a member of the household and allows them to see the "real us". In so doing it invites them to show us the "real them". Some of the best hospitality can happen in a messy home and around a dinner table where the main dish is canned soup. The key is to be genuine and genuinely welcoming!

