'Place these words on your hearts. Get them deep inside you. The them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder. Teach them to your children. Talk about them wherever you are. sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning until you fall into bed at night. Inscribe them on the doorposts and gates of your cities.'

DEUTERONOMY 11:18-20





A simple tool to help households share and live their faith together during the week ... each and every week!

It includes key Scriptures, prayers, blessings, faith talk, rituals and traditions, and more! New every week and linked to your Sunday church readings, Growing Faith at Home can help your household grow together in God's love and grace.

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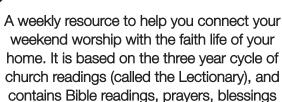


A Home User's Guide

Supporting homes to pass on faith in Christ.







and faith-sharing ideas for households to

use each and every day.

A4 sheet that can be photocopied as a double-sided A5 church bulletin insert.





A creative response is about making space to explore, in a creative and practical way, what we have learnt or heard through the Bible readings. It is about working as a household, family or individual to process the message as the Holy Spirit leads you. The creative response time will allow people of all generations to work together, sharing and processing their thoughts. You can use the suggestion printed in the weekly Growing Faith at Home sheets or come up with your own.

Invite some wondering questions into your conversation. These can help to flesh out what each person is thinking... "I wonder what part of the Bible reading you like the best?" or "I wonder where you are in the story, or which part of the story is about you?".

Provide a variety of creative materials that allow all age levels and skills to empower creativity:

Playdough, drawing tools including chalk boards, markers, building blocks i.e. Lego, recycled goods, etc.



FAITH (5)

The Faith5 helps to connect church to home, faith to life, and parents to kids in a powerful way. The Faith5 provides a framework for families to grow closer as a family while deepening their relationship with God. Be intentional and set expectations. Share, read, talk, pray & bless, every night in your home this week!



SHARE your highs & lows of the day.



READ and highlight the Bible verse for the day in your Bible.



TALK about how the daily Bible verse relates to your highs & lows.



PRAY for your highs & lows, for your family and for the world.



BLESS one another. Share this week's blessing or make up your own.

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Christian values and faith are passed on to the next generation when they are seen in action. Faith becomes real when others can see God working in the lives of people. The Four Keys of Caring Conversations, Devotions, Service, and Rituals and Traditions provide some ideas that can assist us.

Caring Conversations •



Christian values and faith are passed on to the next generation through supportive conversations.



Our faith shapes the whole of our lives and involves a lifetime of Bible study, reflection and prayer.



Serving others together provides an opportunity for children to see people's gifts, faith and values in action.



Rituals and traditions communicate meaning, values and the relationship that exist between people and God.