Growing FAITH at home

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Jesus is God's Son

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Sunday between August 21 and August 27

CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. Share about a time when you had a different view from someone else.
2. What are some of the different ideas people have about Jesus? Who do you say Jesus is?

BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

S	**Matthew 16:13-20**	Peter's confession of Christ
M	**Exodus 1:8-2:10**	Birth of Moses
T	**John 11:17-27**	Martha's confession of Christ
W	**Matthew 27:50-54**	The confession of soldiers
T	**Acts 9:20-31**	Saul's confession of Christ
F	**Romans 12:1-8**	A living sacrifice
S	**Psalm 138**	The Lord will vindicate me

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Then Jesus asked them, "But who do you say I am?" Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

MATTHEW 16:15-16

CREATIVE RESPONSE

In Romans 12:1 Paul encourages Christians to offer their whole bodies in service to God.

As part of your home devotions this week, draw a large outline of a body (or trace around someone).

Talk about how we can use different parts of our bodies to serve God and confess our faith in Jesus.

Write your ideas onto the paper and hang your body drawing up somewhere to use it as a focal point for action and prayer during the week.

ACTION RESPONSE

Romans 12:6-8 lists a number of different gifts that God gives to his people: telling others the gospel and Bible stories, helping others, teaching, encouraging, sharing or giving, leading, and showing kindness to others.

Name the gifts you see at work in different members of your family. Talk about ways you can use these gifts to serve God in your church, family and community.

MEALTIME PRAYER

Son of God, come
be our guest, our
thanks to receive
and these gifts to
bless. Amen.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help
us to show that
we believe you are
God's Son through
what we think,
say and do today.
Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord make
you strong and
brave to speak up
for him.