Growing FAITH at home

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YEAR A

Jesus is the greatest treasure!

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Sunday between
July 24 and July 30

CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Jesus told a parable about a man who found a treasure hidden in the field and then sold everything he had to buy that field. What would you be willing to give up everything to have?
2. How precious is Jesus to you? How precious are you to him?

BIBLE READINGS

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

S	**Matthew 13:31-33,44-52**	Parables of the kingdom
M	**Philippians 3:7-11**	Nothing compares
T	**Matthew 6:19-21**	Treasures in heaven
W	**1 Timothy 6:17-19**	Lay up treasure
T	**Genesis 29:15-28**	Jacob and Rachel
F	**Romans 8:26-39**	More than conquerors
S	**Psalm 145:8-21**	The Lord is righteous

VERSE OF THE WEEK

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

MATTHEW 13:44

CREATIVE RESPONSE

St Paul tells us that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves him, even when times are difficult or when we can't understand his workings (Romans 8:28).

In your home devotional times this week, make a list of the ways you have experienced God working for good in your lives, even in the hard times.

Say a prayer of thanks to God for his never-ending love.

ACTION RESPONSE

Invite some people to join you in a treasure hunt. Make clues that take people to different locations. Use Bible verses if you can. Conclude the hunt by finding a Bible and share why Jesus is the greatest treasure.

MEALTIME PRAYER

Our hands we fold,
our heads we bow.
For food and drink,
we thank God now.
Amen.

PRAYER

Lord God, we love you. Please help us to trust this day that you are working for good in all things. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's love hold you tight. May he give you faith to trust in his love, now and always.