



Growing
FAITH
at home

13 September 2020

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
God calls us to show mercy and
not judge others.

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 18:21-35	A parable about forgiveness
M	Genesis 18:20-33	Abraham pleads for Sodom
T	Genesis 33:1-16	Jacob meets Esau
W	Genesis 45:1-15	Joseph forgives his brothers
T	Exodus 14:19-31	Parting of the Red Sea
F	Romans 14:1-12	The weak and the strong
S	Psalms 103:1-13	Praise the Lord
S	Matthew 20:1-16	Parable of the vineyard workers

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord, help us not to judge others. Help us to accept them and be kind to them. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord forgive you all your sins, and help you to forgive others.

Caring Conversations

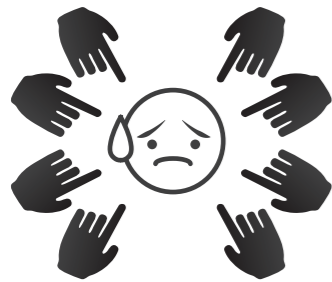
Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

Have you ever felt judged by somebody? How did you feel?

2

Why should we be careful about judging others?



Sundays after Pentecost

GREEN is a sign of life and nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

Creative Response

Act out the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant (Matthew 18:21-35) or read it together, with household members speaking as the different characters in the Parable.

Then talk about each character.

What are they like?

Which of the characters are you most like?

Take turns praying for each other, that God may help you to be kind and forgiving towards others.

mealtime prayer

Lord, as we eat the food you give, make us ready to forgive. We're so glad we have your love; thank you, Father, up above. Amen.

verse for the week

So why do you judge your brothers or sisters in Christ?

And why do you think you are better than they are? We will all stand before God to be judged.

ROMANS 14:10

Service



Joseph was badly treated by his brothers, but God used what happened to bring about good (Genesis 50:20).

Through his work as a leader in Egypt, God used Joseph to take care of many people in a time of great famine. Prepare a letter to send to an elected leader in your community. Thank them for their work and let them know that you are praying for them.