

19 September 2021

SEVENTEENTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Following Jesus involves
serving others

verse for the week
"Whoever wants
to be first must
be last of all and
servant of all."

MARK 9:35

Caring Conversations

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

1

Talk about a time when you wanted to be first in something.

2

What does it mean to you when Jesus said that following him involves putting the needs of others ahead of our own wants?

3

In what ways do you serve others in Jesus' name? How has serving others made a difference in your life?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Mark 9:30-37	The servant of all is greatest
M	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Plot to kill Jeremiah
T	James 3:13-4:8a	Wisdom from above
W	2 Kings 5:1-14	A girl saves her master
T	Luke 14:7-14	Humility and hospitality
F	Isaiah 42:1-9	A servant song
S	Psalms 54	A cry to God for help
S	Mark 9:38-50	Avoiding sin

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, please teach us to put others before ourselves and to know the joy of serving you. Amen

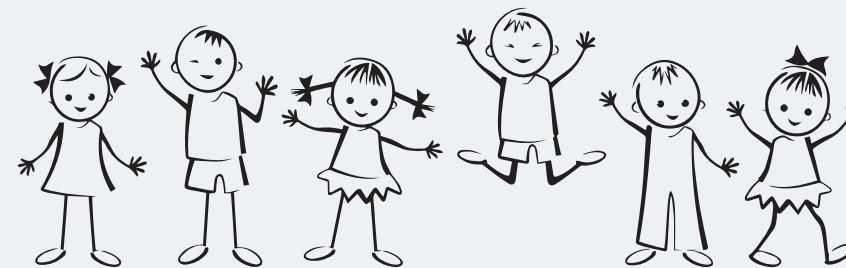
BLESSING

May the Lord give you a pure heart; may God make you peaceful, gentle, and willing to care for others with mercy.

Creative Response

Jesus said 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me' (Mark 9:36).

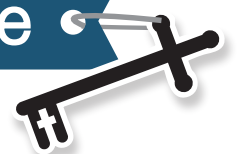
In your home this week, make a special point of praying by name for children in your church, school and neighbourhood. Ask for God's help to welcome them with the heart and spirit of Jesus.



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You nourish us with food, O God, for body and for soul. May love and kindness be our thanks and service be our goal. Amen.

Service



Jesus said to his disciples 'Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else'.

Make a list of ways you can be servants to one another in your home this week or as a family how you can serve together another family who could use your help.