



Growing FAITH at home

PROPER 17

YEAR B

PUTTING GOD'S WORD INTO PRACTICE



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Imagine life without words or speech. What would it be like?
2. What is something nice you like to say to people you love?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
God commands obedience

2nd reading

James 1:17-27
Hearing and doing the word

Gospel reading

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Authentic faith

DISCUSS

The apostle James says that if we think we are following God but don't keep our tongues from speaking bad things, we are fooling ourselves. Why is it so important to control our tongues?



ACTION RESPONSE

Read James 1:17-27. Being 'doers of the word' implies a meekness that is not prideful. Instead, it acts with mercy that includes caring for 'orphans and widows in their distress'. Orphans and widows represented those who were vulnerable and did not have a social safety net to keep them fed, sheltered and safe. Think of those locally and around the world who lack security of food and shelter, and think of ways you can be 'doers' of God's word to help them.



PRAYER

Lord, please make us clean from the inside out, so that what we think, say and do pleases you. Amen.



BLESSING

May you know every good and perfect gift is from him.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Plates of food, gifts from above, signs of our God's gracious love. Amen.

DON'T JUST LISTEN TO THE WORD.
YOU FOOL YOURSELVES IF YOU DO THAT.
YOU MUST DO WHAT IT SAYS.

JAMES 1:22

VERSE OF THE WEEK

