



# Growing FAITH at home

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FIFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
– PROPER 8

## WELCOMING OTHERS



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### CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What does it mean to welcome someone?
2. Share about a time when you needed some help and someone was kind to you.



### BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

**Genesis 22:1-14**  
Abraham tested

2nd reading

**Romans 6:12-23**  
Slaves to  
righteousness

Gospel reading

**Matthew 10:40-42**  
Receiving and  
serving others

### DISCUSS

God asks us to show our thanks to him by being kind, helpful and welcoming to others. What are some practical ways to do so?



### ACTION RESPONSE

Invite a person or family from your church to join you for a meal. How will you welcome them? Remember that in serving them you are serving Christ!



### PRAYER

Lord, open our hearts to welcome you today, and then to welcome others. Help us experience the full joy of serving others. Amen.



### MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for blessing us. As we receive, make us ready to give. As you welcome us, make us ready to welcome others. Amen.



### BLESSING

May God bless you with a giving, caring heart.

AND IF YOU GIVE EVEN A CUP OF COLD WATER TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF MY FOLLOWERS, YOU WILL SURELY BE REWARDED.

MATTHEW 10:42

VERSE OF THE WEEK

