



Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

4 October 2020

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus is a 'stone' we can build  
our lives upon.

## Devotions



### Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 21:33-46	Parable of the vineyard tenants
M	Ezekiel 19:1,10-14	A lament for Israel the vine
T	Amos 9:11-15	God will restore Israel
W	Luke 13:6-9	Parable of the fig tree
T	Exodus 20:1-20	The ten commandments
F	Philippians 3:4-14	Gains and losses
S	Psalms 80:7-15	Restore us, God Almighty
S	Matthew 22:1-14	Parable of the wedding feast

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

## Rituals and Traditions



### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, there  
is nothing more  
important than  
knowing you.  
Please keep  
our faith strong.  
Amen.

### BLESSING

May the  
Lord watch  
over you and  
smile on you  
this day.

Sundays after Pentecost

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

## Creative Response

Gather some river stones. As a  
home devotional activity, take turns  
attempting to build a stone 'tower'  
by placing the stones one on top  
of another. See who can build the  
tallest tower. Talk together about  
the different things that people try  
to build their lives upon, and Christ's  
place as the "most important stone  
of all". Pray together for faith and  
strength to build your lives upon him.



### mealtime prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for the food before us, the  
friends around us, the love between us, and your  
presence with us. Amen.

verse for the week

The stone the  
builders didn't  
accept has become  
the most important  
stone of all.  
The Lord has done  
it. It is wonderful  
in our eyes.

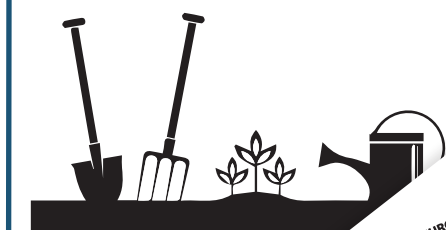
MATTHEW 21:42

## Service



The prophet Isaiah  
compared God's Old  
Testament people to  
a vineyard that God  
planted and cared for.

Volunteer this week to help  
a sick or elderly person  
clean up their garden,  
mow their lawn, wash their  
car, or to help maintain  
your church grounds or a  
community area.



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Caring Conversations



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

1

Of all of your  
possessions, what  
would you miss  
most if it wasn't  
there?

2

How important  
is Jesus in your  
life? Is he the  
'cornerstone' that  
holds your life  
together?

