



# Growing FAITH at home

15 November 2020

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Encourage others to use the gifts  
and talents God has given them.

## Devotions



### Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 25:14-30	Parable of the talents
M	Luke 19:11-26	A king and his servants
T	1 Peter 4:7-11	Using our gifts
W	Romans 12:4-8	We have different gifts
T	Judges 4:1-7	Deborah
F	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	The Day of the Lord
S	Psalms 90:1-12	The power of his anger
S	Matthew 25:31-46	The sheep and the goats

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

## Rituals and Traditions



### PRAYER

Lord God, teach us  
to wisely use all the  
time we have, help  
us to be faithful  
servants who make  
the most of your  
gifts. Amen.

### BLESSING

Child of light, may  
God bless you  
with faith, hope  
and love, this day  
and always.

## Caring Conversations



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

1

What helps us  
use our talents?  
What stops  
us from using  
them?

2

In what ways are  
you using your  
talents to serve  
God? What does  
God promise to  
those who use  
their talents well  
(see Matthew  
25:29)?



## Sundays after Pentecost

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

## Creative Response

The apostle Paul says "encourage one  
another and build each other up"  
(1 Thessalonians 5:11). Spend some time  
this week affirming and encouraging  
one another.

For instance, you may wish to finish these  
sentences for each household member:

*"A talent I see you have is ..."*

*"One thing I really appreciate about you  
is ..."*

*"Something I'd like to encourage you  
in is ..."*

*"I felt very proud of you when ..."*

### mealtime prayer

For food and drink and happy days we offer up  
our thanks and praise. Amen.

verse for the week

Encourage one  
another and  
build each  
other up.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11A

## Service



Think of a person  
in your church or  
community who is  
developing or using  
their God-given gifts  
and talents, and  
whom you would like  
to encourage as a  
household. Write them  
an encouragement  
note or prepare an  
encouraging gift for  
them.



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