Growing FAITH at home

19 July 2020
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Hope for the future.

Sundays after Pentecost
GREEN is a sign of life and nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

Caring Conversations

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

1 What does it mean to hope? How is hope different from wishful thinking?

2 What do we, as Christians, hope for? How does this hope help us when times are difficult?

Devotions

Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 13:24-30,36-43	The parable of the weeds
M	Matthew 7:15-20	A tree and its fruit
T	Revelation 14:14-20	Harvest at the end of time
W	Genesis 28:10-19	Jacob's dream at Bethel
T	Romans 8:12-25	We are God's children
F	1 John 4:13-18	Perfect love drives out fear
S	Psalm 86:11-17	Teach me your way, Lord
S	Matthew 13:31-33,44-53	Parables of the kingdom

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

Rituals and Traditions

PRAYER
Teach us your ways, Lord. Give us hearts that are not divided between you and other things. Amen.

BLESSING
May you live and grow as a child of God's kingdom. May you belong to him, now and always.

Creative Response

In Jesus' parable, he spoke of good seeds that were planted by God and weeds that came from the devil.

Set up two containers – one with seeds the other with weeds. When you gather together this week, share what has been 'seedy' in your lives (good things from God) and what has been 'weedy' (wrong, sinful, evil).

Pray for each other, asking God to protect you from evil and to help good things come to you and through you.

mealtime prayer
Father, thank you for putting food on our table, love in our hearts, and hope in our souls. Amen.

Service

Romans 8:20-22 tells us that all of creation is suffering because of sin. Help clean up God's creation from its abuse by people. Go on a litter collection walk in your neighbourhood this week. You could get involved in a Clean Up Australia Day event. www.cleanup.org.au

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