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FOURTEENTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Putting God's word
into practice.

verse for the week
'Don't just listen
to the word.
You fool yourselves
if you do that.
You must do what
it says'.

JAMES 1:22

Caring Conversations

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

1

Imagine life
without words
or speech. What
would it be like?

2

The apostle James
(Tuesday's reading)
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?

3

James also says we
should be 'quick to
listen, slow to speak
and slow to become
angry' Why is this
good advice? How
can hearing God's
word help us to
control our words?
Where else in the
Bible does God
speak of this?

Devotions

Daily Bible Readings

S	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Authentic faith
M	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	God commands obedience
T	James 1:17-27	Hearing and doing the word
W	Micah 6:6-8	What God requires
T	Matthew 15:1-20	Tradition of the elders
F	Amos 5:21-24	The importance of justice
S	Psalms 15	Who worships the Lord?
S	Mark 7:24-37	Jesus heals the Gentiles

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

Rituals and Traditions

PRAYER

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

BLESSING

(Name) – God
chose to give you a
new birth through
the message of
truth, may you
know every good
and perfect gift is
from him.

Creative Response

Our tongues are powerful
instruments.

They can do great good, but they can also
do great harm. We must all be conscious
of using our tongues in kind ways to bless
each other. Discuss and list as a family
or household the ways you can use your
tongue for good.

Here's some ideas to get you started...

- Pray for each other daily
- Be lavish with your praise and
encouragement. Look for opportunities to
build each other up, even the little things
are worthy of compliments
- Make your home a 'no put-down zone'
- Develop a culture of sharing mistakes and
asking for forgiveness.

mealtime prayer

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

Service

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"
(v. 27).

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.