



Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

18 October 2020

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God calls us to honour earthly  
rulers and authorities.

## Devotions



### Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 22:15-22	The question of paying taxes
M	Matthew 17:24-27	Jesus pays the temple tax
T	Jeremiah 29:1-7	Advice to the exiles in Babylon
W	Daniel 1:3-21	Daniel in the king's court
T	Exodus 33:12-23	Moses and the glory of the Lord
F	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Thanksgiving for faith
S	Psalms 96:1-13	Sing to the Lord a new song
S	Matthew 22:34-46	Loving God and neighbour

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

## Rituals and Traditions



### PRAYER

We praise you  
Lord, for you  
are great and  
mighty, there  
is no one like  
you. Amen.

### BLESSING

May God give  
you faith, love  
and hope and  
keep you strong  
in following him.

## Caring Conversations



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

1

What symbols or  
images are on the  
coins you use?  
Which is your  
favourite?

2

Jesus said "Give  
the Emperor what  
belongs to him  
and give God  
what belongs to  
God" (Matthew  
22:21). What  
belongs to earthly  
rulers? What  
belongs to God?



## Sundays after Pentecost

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

## Creative Response

Play a game of Simon Says. Then  
have a discussion about ways in  
which we copy others in our lives -  
both in good and bad ways.

Talk about what it means to imitate  
Jesus and to be an example of  
Christian faith, hope and love to  
others (1 Thess 1:2-7).

Pray for one another in turn, giving  
thanks to God for the ways he is at  
work in and through each person in  
your home.

### mealt ime prayer

All thanks to God who gives us food and blesses  
all our days. To him who rules from heaven  
above, we offer heartfelt praise. Amen.

verse for the week

Give the  
Emperor what  
belongs to him  
and give God  
what belongs  
to God.

MATTHEW 22:21

## Service



An important faith  
practice is regular giving  
to the Lord through  
Sunday offerings.

Discuss together what  
your household gives to  
the Lord (this might be by  
giving your time through  
service or a financial  
offering). If you have not  
already done so, develop a  
regular pattern for setting  
aside each week what  
you will give in Sunday  
offerings. Include each  
household member in the  
practice of giving (even  
very young children  
can be involved).

