

# Faith)Practice @ HOME

**March 17, 2019**

**Matthew 20:1-16**

## **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK**

The last will be first, and the first will be last.

- Matthew 20:16

## **MEALTIME PRAYER**

*Generous God, you give us the grapes to make juice and the fruit to eat. Be with us as nourish our bodies with the gifts of your harvest so that we can be faithful laborers in your world. Amen.*

## **SUGGESTED READINGS**

Something to consider as you read: What are the people doing in each story? What is God doing in each story?

Matthew 20:17-19	Upcoming Suffering
Matthew 20:20-23	A Mother's Request
Matthew 20:24-28	The Servant Leader
Matthew 20:29-34	Moved with Compassion
Matthew 22:1-14	The Wedding Banquet (this is the story for next Sunday, so try reading it on Saturday!)

*If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children's Bible you are using may not include the story assigned in the SUGGESTED BIBLE READINGS. Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!*

## **SERVICE CHALLENGE**

SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.

Make a list of all the unfair things you see in the world such as from as individual as bullies to as global as unclean drinking water or war. Hang the list in place that you see it daily. Each day say a prayer for those affected by these unfair actions.

### **Did you know?**

Cross-generational relationships are key to lifelong faith formation. There is a significant correlation between adult discipleship and relationships during childhood and adolescence with faith mentors *who are not part of your family* (and also ones who are!).

# FAITH 5 FIVE

## PREPARATION

Think about devotions as a continuation of our community's worship. The following basic pattern could be one way of forming your household's devotions. Adapt as necessary!

## GATHERING

Light a candle to help you focus this time as "God time."

Prayer of the Week: *Lord God, through your love you have called us to work in your world. Free us from being bound up in what is fair or in who is working more, or less, or even not at all. Above all, may we always live your love in our daily lives. Amen.*

## 1. SHARE

**Highs & Lows:** What made you happy today? What made you angry?

## 2. READ

**Suggested Bible Reading:** Read aloud from the Suggested Bible Readings from the front. What do you want to remember from this reading?

## 3. TALK

**Thinking About This Week's Story:** In the story that Jesus tells, some of the workers did not think it was fair that everyone got paid the same, even the workers that did not work all day. What happened to you today that seemed fair? What happened that seemed unfair?

**Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Did you receive an invitation today? Maybe you were invited to eat lunch with someone or share in class? Did you accept their invitation? If not, why?

## 4. PRAY

**Pray Together:**

Using the service project list, pray for all the unfair ways of the world.

## CLOSING

If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.

## 5. BLESS

**A Blessing to Share:** With permission, mark one another with the sign of the cross on the forehead or hand, and say: *You are blessed to be a blessing. Amen.*