Growing FAITH at home

PROPER 29

YEAR A

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Sunday between November 20 and November 26

CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What does it mean to be thankful?
2. One way we show our thanks to God is by sharing with others, especially those who are in need. In what ways do you do this?

BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

S	**Matthew 25:31-46**	The sheep and the goats
M	**Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-35**	Care given to the needy
T	**Romans 12:13-21**	Share with the needy
W	**Proverbs 11:16-30**	The fruit of the righteous
T	**Ezekiel 34:11-24**	Parable of the sheep
F	**Ephesians 1:15-23**	Thanksgiving and Prayer
S	**Psalm 95:1-7**	Let us sing for joy

VERSE OF THE WEEK

The king will answer, "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me."

MATTHEW 25:40

CREATIVE RESPONSE

Create a 'Thanksgiving Box' to use this week. Decorate the outside of a shoebox or choose something else. Keep this box on your table.

Each day ask household members to reflect on their day, recall things for which they are thankful, and write these down on slips of paper to place in the box.

At the end of the week, open the box and read what has been written.

Say a prayer of thanks for all God has done for you and given to you.

ACTION RESPONSE

Spend some time together as a household this week recalling your church involvement during this past church year. Look at any photos, video or memorabilia you may have. Discuss:

- What were the highlights?
- In what ways did you learn or grow?
- Who shared their faith with you?
- With whom did you share your faith?

To mark the start of the new church year, take a photo of your household at your place of worship. Place this photo on your fridge or a display board in your home. As the year goes by, add other photos from your church experiences and involvements and give thanks!

MEALTIME PRAYER

Thank you for the world so sweet; thank you for the food we eat; thank you for the birds that sing; thank you, God, for everything. Amen.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us to serve you by serving others. Amen.

BLESSING

May God the Father give you his Holy Spirit so that you grow to know him better.