Growing FAITH at home

ALL SAINTS

YEAR A

God brings comfort to those who mourn

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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What does it mean to mourn? Have you ever felt that way?
2. God promises to comfort those who mourn. How does he do this?

BIBLE READINGS

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

S	**Matthew 5:1-12**	The Beautitudes
M	**1 John 3:1-3**	Our hope in him
T	**Revelation 7:9-17**	God will wipe away tears
W	**John 14:1-4**	Do not let your hearts be troubled
T	**John 11:17-26**	The resurrection and the life
F	**2 Corinthians 1:3-5**	God of all comfort
S	**Jeremiah 31:10-13**	Joy instead of sorrow

VERSE OF THE WEEK

God blesses those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

MATTHEW 5:4

CREATIVE RESPONSE

All Saints Day is an occasion to remember those who have died.

Have a time of remembrance for any of your relatives or friends who have died.

Light a candle for each of these people.

Share memories of them.

Read Revelation 21:1-4 and have a time of silence.

Pray this prayer:
Lord God, we thank you for the life of (name). Thank you for all the blessings that came to us through them. Most of all, thank you that they now have eternal life with you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ACTION RESPONSE

Arrange a bouquet of flowers to give to someone or share a meal with someone who has recently had a loved one die. Spend some time with them.

MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord God, we bring you our praise and thanks. You meet our needs with this meal and give us hope for the life to come. All glory be to you. Amen.

PRAYER

Lord God, please comfort us when we are sad. Give us the hope that comes from your promises. Amen.

BLESSING

May God comfort you when you are sad and bless you with hope and peace through Jesus.