



Growing FAITH at home

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Jesus calls us
to make things
right with others



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Sunday between
September 4 and
September 10



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What does it mean to forgive someone? Do you find it difficult or easy to forgive? Why?
2. How does God's forgiveness change the way we see and treat other people when they sin against us?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Matthew 18:15-20	Seeking reconciliation
M	Exodus 12:1-14	The Passover
T	Luke 6:37-42	Forgive and you will be forgiven
W	Luke 17:1-4	If your brother sins
T	Colossians 3:12-15	Forgive as the Lord forgave you
F	Romans 13:8-14	Love fulfills the law
S	Psalms 119:33-40	Teach me the way of your degrees

VERSE OF THE WEEK

If your brother sins against you, go to him. Tell him what he did wrong. Keep it between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won him back.

MATTHEW 18:15



CREATIVE RESPONSE

As part of your household devotion times this week, spend a few minutes admitting your sins to each other, and asking for and receiving words of forgiveness.

Each person may say, "I am sorry for (name a particular thing) and ask you to forgive me."

Others may respond, "God has forgiven me, and I forgive you in his name."



MEALTIME PRAYER

As two or more who gather here, we thank you, Christ, for coming near. Please bless this food and our home too, that we may shine with love for you. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us to forgive others and make peace with them. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Romans 13:9 tells us that whatever commandments there are can be summed up in this one rule:
"Love your neighbour as yourself."

Challenge members of your household to each do at least one act of kindness for another person every day this week (whether at school, work or at home).

Report on your efforts at evening mealtimes. Share about how your acts of kindness were received by others.



BLESSING

May you be a peace maker.