



Growing FAITH at home

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Putting God's word into practice.



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Imagine life without words or speech. What would it be like?
2. In the book of James it says we should be 'quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry' Why is this good advice?
3. How can hearing God's word help us to control our words? Where else in the Bible does God speak of this?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Authentic faith
M	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	God commands obedience
T	James 1:17-27	Hearing and doing the word
W	Micah 6:6-8	What God requires
T	Matthew 15:1-20	Tradition of the elders
F	Amos 5:21-24	The importance of justice
S	Psalms 15	Who worships the Lord?

VERSE OF THE WEEK

'Don't just listen to the word. You fool yourselves if you do that. You must do what it says'.

JAMES 1:22



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Our tongues are powerful instruments.

They can do great good, but they can also do great harm. We must all be conscious of using our tongues in kind ways to bless each other. Discuss and list as a family or household the ways you can use your tongue for good.

Here's some ideas to get you started...

- Pray for each other daily
- Be lavish with your praise and encouragement. Look for opportunities to build each other up, even the little things are worthy of compliments
- Make your home a 'no put-down zone'
- Develop a culture of sharing mistakes and asking for forgiveness.



ACTION RESPONSE

Read James 1:17-27. Being "doers of the word" implies a meekness that is not prideful. Instead, it acts with mercy that includes caring for "orphans and widows in their distress" (v. 27).

Orphans and widows represented those who were vulnerable and did not have a social safety net to keep them fed, sheltered and safe. Think of those locally and around the world who lack security of food and shelter and think of ways you can be 'doers' of God's word to help them.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Plates of food, gifts from above, signs of our God's gracious love. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord, please make us clean from the inside out, so that what we think, say and do pleases you. Amen.



BLESSING

(Name) – God chose to give you a new birth through the message of truth, may you know every good and perfect gift is from him.