



# Growing FAITH at home

PROPER 8

YEAR C

## Following Jesus



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LCA CHILD YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



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Sunday between  
June 26 and July 2  
(if after Trinity Sunday)



## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What is something that you have put off doing? Why?
2. Jesus asked people to follow him, but sometimes they put it off, saying "I need to do this or that first" (Luke 9:59-61). Is it hard for you to follow Jesus sometimes? If so, in what ways?
3. If Jesus asked you to move somewhere else to do his will, what would be hardest for you to leave behind?



## BIBLE READINGS

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

<b>S</b>	<b>Luke 9:51-62</b>	The cost of following Jesus
<b>M</b>	<b>Luke 9:21-27</b>	Following Jesus
<b>T</b>	<b>Luke 14:25-34</b>	Considering the cost
<b>W</b>	<b>Luke 5:27-31</b>	Levi follows Christ
<b>T</b>	<b>Matthew 13:1-8</b>	A crop is produced
<b>F</b>	<b>Galatians 5: 13-25</b>	Living by the Spirit's power
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalms 16</b>	What a wonderful inheritance!

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

LUKE 9:23



## CREATIVE RESPONSE

- Share any opportunities you had for witnessing about Christ during the week at school, at work, in the neighbourhood or at home.
- Invite your neighbours for a meal at your home. Get to know them and their needs.
- Make your home a welcoming place for your children's friends.
- Encourage your children to invite their friends to your church youth events, to Sunday morning worship or to a church youth or kids camp.



## ACTION RESPONSE

Some followers of Jesus today still give up 'home, family, and means of income' to share him with others. Do you know of anyone who has done this (e.g. missionaries in other countries)? Ask your pastor or church friends to suggest someone to you. Find their address and write a note of encouragement and thanks to them. Pray for them this week.

Find out more about mission in the LCA (Lutheran Church of Australia) here:  
<http://www.lca.org.au/board-for-mission.html>



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Thank you, Lord,  
for potatoes and  
meat. We love  
being your hands  
and feet. Amen.



## PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we  
want to work for  
you. Please help  
us to let go of  
things that hold  
us back. Amen.



## BLESSING

May God's love  
enable you to follow  
Jesus.