



# Growing FAITH at home

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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God has chosen you



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## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Jesus was rejected by the people who were in his hometown. Share about a time that you felt rejected or left out.
2. How do you react to the news that Jesus will never reject or turn his back on you?



## BIBLE READINGS

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

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| <b>S</b> | <b>Luke 4:21-30</b>     | The prophet Jesus is rejected        |
| <b>M</b> | <b>Jeremiah 1:4-10</b>  | The call of Jeremiah                 |
| <b>T</b> | <b>1 Cor 13:1-13</b>    | Love is patient, love is kind.       |
| <b>W</b> | <b>Matthew 13:53-58</b> | Jesus rejected at Nazareth           |
| <b>T</b> | <b>Luke 6:20-26</b>     | Rejected disciples are blessed       |
| <b>F</b> | <b>1 Peter 2:4-11</b>   | Rejected by people but chosen by God |
| <b>S</b> | <b>Psalms 71:1-6</b>    | In you, Lord, I have taken refuge    |

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 PETER 2:9



## CREATIVE RESPONSE

In your household devotion times this week use 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a to reflect on the love shown in your home.

Ask household members to recall and name ways in which others in your home have loved them.

For example:

- 'You showed me love by being kind when...'
- 'You showed me love by being patient when...'
- 'You showed me love by forgiving me when...'

Think of people outside your household who show love to you.

Make up heart-shaped cards and write (for example) 'Love is Kind' on the front and 'Thank you for being so kind to me' on the back.

Then on the inside write a personal note thanking them for their love.

Plan a way to deliver your cards.



## ACTION RESPONSE

Invite someone you haven't invited before to your house for a meal. Decorate your house in a way that welcomes them and makes them feel special.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, give us hearts that are grateful for all your kindness. As you love us, lead us to love others. Amen.



## PRAYER

Lord Jesus, make us strong when we are rejected because of you. Keep us trusting and following you. Amen.



## BLESSING

(Name) You are God's special possession, live in his light.