



# Growing FAITH at home

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

YEAR C

Return to the Lord



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## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. When do you find it hard to be patient?
2. How is God patient with us?
3. In what ways do you think God might like to see you grow or change in the next year of your life?



## 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 13:1-9</b>	Parable of the fig tree
<b>M</b>	<b>Isaiah 55: 1-9</b>	Invitation to the Lord's salvation
<b>T</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 10: 1-13</b>	Lessons from Israel's idolatry
<b>W</b>	<b>Ezekiel 18:25b-32</b>	Repent and live!
<b>T</b>	<b>Hosea 14:1-7</b>	Return to the Lord
<b>F</b>	<b>Luke 3:1-9</b>	The fruit of repentance
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalms 34:11-22</b>	Turn from evil and do good

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

Turn to the Lord! He can still be found. Call out to God! He is near. Give up your crooked ways and your evil thoughts. Return to the Lord our God. He will be merciful and forgive your sins.

ISAIAH 55:6-7



## CREATIVE RESPONSE

The theme of repentance runs through the Bible readings for this week. God gives us the Ten Commandments to show us his will for us, and to lead us to examine our thoughts, words and actions. In your home devotion times this week, listen together to the Ten Commandments and talk about what they mean.

- You shall have no other gods.
- You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- Honour your father and your mother.
- You shall not kill.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
- You shall not covet your neighbour's house.
- You shall not covet your neighbour's spouse, or their manservant, or their maidservant, or their cattle or anything that is your neighbour's



## ACTION RESPONSE

Make crosses from bars of soap as a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice to cleanse us from our sins. Draw a cross shape on each bar of soap, then carefully carve away the excess soap using a table knife. Place soap crosses in your bathroom. You could also place soap crosses in small gift bags to give away to friends and relatives.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Mealtime is here,  
O what a spread!  
Thanks be to God,  
who gives us bread. Amen.



## PRAYER

Lord God, we turn to you. Please show us mercy. Amen.



## BLESSING

God is merciful and forgives your sins.