



February 25, 2024, Second Sunday in Lent

Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Holy God, with Jesus' disciples we sometimes struggle to understand the true nature of his purpose. We seek an easy, earthly understanding of who Jesus is, one that fits within our own world views, rather than accepting the challenges of what it actually means to follow him. Make us willing to set aside our expectations and answer your call, however difficult. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." (Mark 8:33)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

In this passage, it becomes clear to Jesus that his disciples and strangers, alike, are confused about who he is and what he came to earth to do.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What makes you uncomfortable? Do you gravitate toward or away from the uncomfortable? How does that serve you? How does it hinder you?
- What command of Jesus is the hardest to follow? Why?
- For the littles: Who is stronger: God or the devil? (Or: what is stronger: good or evil?)



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God make you uncomfortable. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Research what different cultures believe about evil or the devil. What makes most sense to you?



Go Deeper: Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Genesis 21:1-7; Hebrews 1:8-12

Tuesday, Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Genesis 22:1-19; Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19

Wednesday, Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Jeremiah 30:12-22; John 12:36-43

Thursday, Psalm 19; Exodus 19:1-9a; 1 Peter 2:4-10

Friday, Psalm 19; Exodus 19:9b-15; Acts 7:30-40

Saturday, Psalm 19; Exodus 19:16-25; Mark 9:2-8