



**April 28, 2024, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**John 15:1-8**

*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, we love because you first loved us. Inspire us by your unfathomable love to turn outward and live out that love in all that we do and say for the sake of the whole creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

*"Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." (John 15:4)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus uses a metaphor of a vine and branches to describe to his disciples that our will is bound up in God's will—that our work is bound up in God's work.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- In what ways are you nourished by Jesus? Where do you still feel thin?
- What behaviors or attitudes do you carry that no longer serve you? What could you do to change them?
- For the littles: What is your favorite juice? Why?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God nourish you in body, mind, and spirit. Amen.



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

Add a spiritual practice to your schedule throughout the week; something you've never done before (or haven't for a while). At the end of the week, reflect on how the practice has nourished you. Is it something you might continue?



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

Monday, Psalm 80; Isaiah 5:1-7; Galatians 5:16-26

Tuesday, Psalm 80; Isaiah 32:9-20; James 3:17-18

Wednesday, Psalm 80; Isaiah 65:17-25; John 14:18-31

Thursday, Psalm 98; Isaiah 49:5-6; Acts 10:1-34

Friday, Psalm 98; Isaiah 42:5-9; Acts 10:34-43

Saturday, Psalm 98; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; Mark 10:42-45