



July 7, 2024, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 6:1-13

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



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

God of the call, you sent your disciples out to proclaim the good news, with nothing other than a companion to sustain them. Strengthen this community and each member of it, that together we might be equipped to do the work of justice in the world, though Jesus Christ. Amen.



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

Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house."
(Mark 6:4)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus returns to his hometown to do ministry. But instead of being welcomed home with arms wide open, the community seems to be wary of what he is actually doing. Jesus did not let that get to him and instead furthered his ministry by sending the disciples out 2x2.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Share what happens when you return to your childhood home or hometown. If you rarely return to your hometown, why don't you?
- How does it feel to go on a journey ill-equipped?
- For the littles: What's the biggest journey you've ever taken?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless your journeys and equip you for the task. Amen.



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

Plan a dream trip. Create a budget. Map a route. Plan your travel. Even if you never take this trip, just in researching the experience you will learn about the culture and geography of the place you desire to travel.



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

Monday, Psalm 21; 2 Samuel 5:1-10; 2 Corinthians 11:16-33

Tuesday, Psalm 21; 2 Samuel 5:11-16; James 5:7-12

Wednesday, Psalm 21; 2 Samuel 5:17-25; John 7:1-9

Thursday, Psalm 24; Exodus 25:10-22; Colossians 2:1-5

Friday, Psalm 24; Exodus 37:1-16; Colossians 4:2-18

Saturday, Psalm 24; Numbers 10:11-36; Luke 1:57-80