



Tenth Sunday
after Pentecost

August 9, 2020
Matthew 14:22-33

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



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

Loving God, when we are tempted to be afraid your hand is right there to calm us. Show us that we have no reason for fear, as you have promised to be with us forever, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.



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

But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." (Matthew 14:26-27)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

The disciples are afraid. The storm has taken their boat and Jesus is not with them. Then they recognize Jesus' divinity in the miracle of calming the storms—both the storm on the water, and the storm that welled inside of them when they were afraid.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What scares you? Courage is not absence of fear, but moving toward and through the scary thing despite the fear. What gives you courage?

For the littles: What are you scared of? Who or what makes you feel brave?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you courage. Amen.



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

Consider something you have been putting off doing because you are afraid. Pray for the courage to do it. Take one step (or more!) this week to move toward and through the fear.



Go Deeper: Go to bit.ly/daily-devotions-rcl for the daily readings!

Monday, Psalm 28; Genesis 37:29-36; 2 Peter 2:4-10

Tuesday, Psalm 28; Genesis 39:1-23; Romans 9:14-29

Wednesday, Psalm 28; Genesis 40:1-23; Matthew 8:23-27

Thursday, Psalm 133; Genesis 41:14-36; Revelation 15:1-4

Friday, Psalm 133; Genesis 41:37-57; Acts 14:19-28

Saturday, Psalm 133; Genesis 42:1-28; Matthew 14:34-36