



July 26, 2020

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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



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

Immense God, your kingdom is surprising, expansive and valuable beyond anything we could obtain. Teach us to seek it more than all other treasures on earth, that we might come to know the abundant life you have promised, in Jesus' name. Amen.



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

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it." (Matthew 13:45-46)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus often taught using parables. We can enter into those parables with varying experiences of understanding. We can peek at glimpses of what the kingdom of heaven may be like as we listen.



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 do you think the kingdom of heaven is like? Is God's kingdom here on earth or up in heaven? Or both?

For the littles: What is the most valuable thing you own? Who is the most valuable person in your life? How are these gifts from God?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God make your love valuable to others. Amen.



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

Make a photo journal this week of all the things you see that are evidence that God's kingdom is here on earth. Post your pics. #godskingdom



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

Monday, Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 30:25-36; James 3:13-18

Tuesday, Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 30:37-43; Ephesians 6:10-18

Wednesday, Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 46:2-47:12; Mark 4:30-34

Thursday, Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 14:1-2; Philippians 4:10-15

Friday, Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 41:8-10; Romans 9:6-13

Saturday, Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 31:1-21; Matthew 7:7-11