



Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

October 3, 2021

Mark 10:2-16

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



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

God of compassion, you do not wish for your children to suffer. Give us loving empathy with all who experience broken relationships, and help us lead them to healing and wholeness by your Spirit. Amen.



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

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" (Mark 10:2-3)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus knew that divorce causes scars that never fully heal, and God doesn't desire that for us. But God's kingdom is open to all God's children, claimed and blessed by God.



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

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

Have you been divorced or do you know someone who has been divorced? How do Jesus' words sting? How do they heal?

How might you be welcoming to kids that are in your community?

For the littles: Does Jesus love you?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God welcome you as a child. Amen.



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

Read *The 5 Love Languages* by Gary Chapman. Discover how you can express your love (romantic or otherwise) in a way the other can best receive it.



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

Monday, Psalm 55:1-15; Job 8:1-22; 1 Corinthians 7:1-9

Tuesday, Psalm 55:1-15; Job 11:1-20; 1 Corinthians 7:10-16

Wednesday, Psalm 55:1-15; Job 15:1-35; Matthew 5:27-36

Thursday, Psalm 22:1-15; Job 17:1-16; Hebrews 3:7-19

Friday, Psalm 22:1-15; Job 18:1-21; Hebrews 4:1-11

Saturday, Psalm 22:1-15; Job 20:1-29; Matthew 15:1-9