



The Word @ Home

Easter 5

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14

The Point

Trust in Jesus brings us peace.

Key Verse

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.”

– John 14:1

Scripture Summaries

Gospel: John 14:1-14

The Way, Truth, and Life

Jesus is teaching his disciples. The connection that Jesus makes in verse one between faith, trust, and belief in God and faith, trust, and belief in him would likely have sounded blasphemous to the original Jewish audience. Jesus is also teaching that he will be leaving them soon. But, Jesus teaches, he is not going away, but rather is going ahead of his disciples to prepare for them and will eventually return to bring them with him. It is considered likely that Jesus' return here is not the second coming, but when Jesus visits the disciples shortly after his resurrection to breathe the Spirit on them.

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Stephen is falsely accused and brought before the Jewish council, where he gave a long sermon, ending with a harsh accusation against the leaders and people. Stephen is dragged outside the city and stoned to death, but not before he receives a vision of God's glory.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

The writer compares his audience to nursing infants, which might indirectly include a metaphor for God as a nursing mother, before moving on to a longer metaphor about the temple.

Seasons & Festivals

White or gold is used for the celebration of Easter Sunday. The gold color symbolizes that this day is the “queen of feasts,” unique in the entire church year. The rest of the Sundays following Easter also use white paraments, suggesting the joy of the resurrection.

Discussion Starters

- What does it mean to you that Jesus is the Way?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus is the Truth?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus is the Life?

Prayer of the Week

Jesus, help us to look to you as the Way, Truth, and Life. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday

Read John 14:1-14 Jesus is the Way, Truth, and Life.
Take turns giving directions to each other or play a game of Hot and Cold.

Monday

Read Acts 7:17-40 The author reflects on history.
Share stories about your family's faith history.

Tuesday

Read Proverbs 3:5-12 Trust in the Lord.
Read each verse and talk together about what you think the writer means.

Wednesday

Read Psalm 102:1-17 The psalmist prays for help.
Listen as one person reads this passage. Draw an image of what you feel. Save it for tomorrow's devotions.

Thursday

Read Psalm 66:8-20 The psalmist praises God.
Listen as one person reads this passage. Draw an image of what you feel. Compare it with the image you drew yesterday.

Friday

Read Genesis 7:1-24 Noah boards the ark.
Search online for a short, age-appropriate video of this story.

Saturday

Read John 14:27-29 Jesus leaves his peace.
Create a blessing to say to one another as you leave each other or end your day.



Blessing for the Week

Share this blessing while tracing a cross on each person's forehead or hand with their permission:
Jesus is with you and guides you.