



October 13, 2024, 21st Sunday after Pentecost Mark 10:17-31

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



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

Holy God, you speak to us and guide our ways through your word. Inspire us by the Holy Spirit to dig deep and be transformed by the love, grace, power, and wisdom we find in your scriptures, that we might, as changed people, carry forth your vision of peace and justice into our community and the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." (Mark 10:26-27)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus told his disciples that it was hard for the rich to enter God's kingdom and those who were willing to leave their valuables to follow God would be rewarded.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Money can't buy happiness, but there is a certain level of income that studies have shown to offer stability, and therefore happiness. What amount of money does it take for a human to survive? How can we reconcile that with the notion that earthly possessions are not the way to eternal life?
- What would you struggle to give up if you were asked to?
- For the littles: What's your favorite toy? Could you give it away?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God fill you with peace and the trust that you will be fulfilled in ways that far outreach our understanding. Amen.



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

Practice relying less on possessions. Go through your closets and pack at least one bag to donate. Challenge yourself to give up more than you might normally give up.



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

Monday, Psalm 39; Job 26:1-14; Revelation 7:9-17

Tuesday, Psalm 39; Job 28:12-29:10; Revelation 8:1-5

Wednesday, Psalm 39; Job 32:1-22; Luke 16:19-31

Thursday, Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b; Job 36:1-16; Romans 15:7-13

Friday, Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b; Job 37:1-24; Revelation 17:1-18

Saturday, Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b; Job 39:1-30; Luke 22:24-30