



October 6, 2024, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 10:2-16

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



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

Loving God, to often we cling to ideas of marriage that are not life-giving, but create inequities and harm. Give us compassion and grace for those experiencing separation or divorce, and teach us the humility, generosity, and grace we need for healthy relationships committed to the flourishing of both members. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse 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 clarified the divine intention for marriage—oneness—after the Pharisees tried to test him with a question about the law regarding divorce.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

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