



June 9, 2024, Third Sunday after Pentecost Mark 3:20-35

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



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

Sovereign God, too often we look to earthly authorities to do the work that you have called us to do. Remind us that you are our ultimate authority, and strengthen us to strive for your justice for our neighbors and all of creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." (Mark 3:33-35)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus is tested by his family and religious leaders, yet he does not let their accusations slow his ministry.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What are 3 or 4 classifications that describe who you are? (gender, age, class, organizations, etc.) Do these describe all of you, or are you more than your classifications?
- What classifications of others cause you the most difficulty? What could you do to bridge that gap?
- For the littles: Is your church loud or quiet? Why?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God break down barriers that separate you from others. Amen.



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

Do some research into a group of people that is most troubling to you. See if you can learn something about them that brings you closer to understanding.



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

Monday, Psalm 108; 1 Samuel 7:3-15; Revelation 20:1-6

Tuesday, Psalm 108; 1 Samuel 8:1-22; Revelation 20:7-15

Wednesday, Psalm 108; 1 Samuel 9:1-14; Luke 11:14-28

Thursday, Psalm 20; 1 Samuel 9:15-27; Hebrews 2:5-9

Friday, Psalm 20; 1 Samuel 10:1-8; Hebrews 11:4-7

Saturday, Psalm 20; 1 Samuel 13:1-15a; Mark 4:1-20