



## July 14, 2024, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

### Mark 6:14-29

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



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

God of justice, John the Baptist spoke truth to power, though it cost him his life. Give us courage to stand up to the corrupt powers of our own age on behalf of the oppressed, trusting in the promise of your presence in all that we do and say. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

*Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. (Mark 6:27-28)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**A king throws a party. His step-daughter dances to entertain the guests. The king offers her anything she wants as a thank you. She requests what her mother wants—John the Baptist's head on a platter!**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- How does the killing of an advocate for justice impact the world? Have you been alive during an assassination? What impact did it have on your community?
- John risked everything for his faith. We know that risking our lives is not wise, but what might you risk for your faith? How could you be bolder?
- For the littles: What makes you happy if you are sad?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God protect you as you live and grow in faith. Amen.



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

**Take a risk this week. Tell someone new about how your faith community helps you in your daily life. Invite them to join you.**



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

Monday, Psalm 68:24-35; 2 Samuel 6:6-12a; Acts 21:27-39

Tuesday, Psalm 68:24-35; 2 Samuel 3:12-16; Acts 23:12-35

Wednesday, Psalm 68:24-35; 2 Samuel 6:16-23; Luke 7:31-35

Thursday, Psalm 89:20-37; 1 Chronicles 11:15-19; Colossians 1:15-23

Friday, Psalm 89:20-37; 1 Chronicles 14:1-2; Acts 17:16-31

Saturday, Psalm 89:20-37; 1 Chronicles 15:1-2, 16:4-13; Luke 18:35-43