



August 25, 2024, Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

John 6:56-69

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



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

Uncontainable God, King Solomon built you an extravagant temple, but even he acknowledged that you could not be limited to any given space. Fill us with the conviction of your presence—wild and free and loose in the world—when we step out beyond the doors of this house of worship. Make us witnesses to your boundless grace and mercy in all that we do and say. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you?" (John 6:60-61)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus shares once again that he is the bread from heaven. But instead of moving past that point, he questions the disciples about if they want to continue doing the thing they have been doing. And then Jesus lets them go, knowing that time apart is what is needed for those disciples.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Did you know that Jesus' words were sometimes so offensive he lost followers? What has been said that makes you desire to leave a situation? How did it turn out?
- For the littles: When you play follow-the-leader, do you prefer to lead or to follow?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May Jesus hold you close, even when his words are hard to hear. Amen.



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

Stick it out. Consider something that you know is good for you, but you desire to quit. Take steps to get over the hurdle so that it can continue to be a blessing in your life.



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

Monday, Psalm 11; 1 Kings 5:13-18; Ephesians 5:21-6:9

Tuesday, Psalm 11; 1 Kings 6:1-14; Ephesians 6:21-24

Wednesday, Psalm 11; 1 Kings 6:15-38; John 15:16-25

Thursday, Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; Song of Solomon 1:1-17; James 1:1-8

Friday, Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; Song of Solomon 2:1-7; James 1:9-16

Saturday, Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; Hosea 3:1-5; John 18:28-32