



**August 23, 2020**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

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



**Pray:** Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

God of truth, you reveal the truth to us, even when the world hides it. Show us how to live as your faithful followers, who stand firm in your promises and live in the hope of new life, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.



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

*"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it."*

(Matthew 16:18)



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

Jesus questioned the disciples about who people thought he was. In his question, he indirectly pointed toward himself as the Messiah, toward Peter as the rock on which the church would be built, and toward God.



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

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**Who is your rock? In what ways have they helped you? Who leans on you as their rock? In what ways have you helped them?**

**For the littles: What can you do with rocks? Describe the perfect rock. Is it big? Small? Round? Jagged?**



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

**May God be your rock. Amen.**



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

**Build a balancing rock tower. Use it to remember that God is our rock.**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [bit.ly/daily-devotions-rcl](https://bit.ly/daily-devotions-rcl) for the daily readings!

Monday, Psalm 8; Exodus 1:1-7; Romans 2:1-11

Tuesday, Psalm 8; Exodus 2:11-15a; Romans 11:33-36

Wednesday, Psalm 8; Exodus 2:15b-22; Matthew 26:6-13

Thursday, Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Exodus 2:23-24; Eph. 5:1-6

Friday, Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Exodus 3:16-22; 2 Thess. 2:7-12

Saturday, Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Exodus 4:1-9; Matthew 8:14-17