



August 27, 2023, Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 16:13-20

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 all, you call us into community with one another and with you. Empower us to see our unique gifts, that we might gladly offer them in service to this congregation and the world. In Jesus name. 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. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:18-19)



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.

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

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