



Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020 Mark 1:1-8

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



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

God of Spirit and fire, you stir us up as John stirred up his followers, with a proclamation of the one who would come after him. Fill our hearts with the same zeal to spread the word of Christ's coming—into our lives and into our world. Amen.



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

He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (Mark 1:7-8)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

The culture of John's day was ripe for civil unrest and radical change. While he recognized he himself was not the main event, he put himself on the frontline, preparing people for what was to come.



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

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

What has been a pivotal moment in 2020 that became a main event in your life? Where does faith/Jesus fit into how you process the event?

For the littles: What's the coolest thing that's happened to you recently?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless the events of your life with joy and light. Amen.



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

Make a timeline of the highlights and lowlights of your year so far. Plot on your timeline where your faith was strongest and where it was weakest. Consider whether there a correlation between the events, your attitude/mood, and your faith.



Go Deeper: Go to bit.ly/daily-devotions-rcl for the daily readings!

Monday, Psalm 27; Isaiah 26:7-15; Acts 2:37-42 Tuesday, Psalm 27; Isaiah 4:2-6; Acts 11:1-18

Wednesday, Psalm 27; Malachi 2:10-3:1; Luke 1:5-17

Thursday, Psalm 126; Habakkuk 2:1-5; Philippians 3:7-11

Friday, Psalm 126; Habakkuk 3:2-6; Philippians 3:12-16

Saturday, Psalm 126; Habakkuk 3:13-19; Matthew 21:28-32