



## February 21, 2021 Mark 1:9-15

**First Sunday** in Lent

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



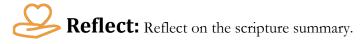
**Pray:** Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

Faithful God, your son dedicated himself and his life to teaching, healing, and sharing your love with the world. Give us his willingness to shed all that hinders us from serving, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.



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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. (Mark 1:9)



Jesus' baptism and his time in the wilderness prepared him for the 3 years of public, controversial, and often polarizing ministry that was coming.



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

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

Do you plan and prepare, or do you tend to jump right into action? How does your preference serve you? How does it hinder you?

Whose voice has the most influence on your life? Who is most influenced by your voice? Is what you're saying helpful or harmful?

For the littles: How do you best solve a problem, by thinking about it, talking about it, or doing something about it?

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless your soul-searching. Amen.



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

If you are a doer, take time this week to think. If you are a planner, take time to act.



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

Monday, Psalm 77; Job 4:1-21; Ephesians 2:1-10 Tuesday, Psalm 77; Job 5:8-27; 1 Peter 3:8-18a Wednesday, Psalm 77; Proverbs 30:1-9; Matthew 4:1-11 Thursday, Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18; Romans 3:21-31 Friday, Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 16:1-6; Romans 4:1-12 Saturday, Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 16:7-15; Mark 8:27-30