



Eighteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

October 4, 2020

Matthew 21:33-46

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



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

Faithful God, you desire faithful followers who produce the fruits of your kingdom. May we be your trustworthy stewards, that the world might know your love through us. For Jesus' sake. Amen.



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

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

*'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?" (Matthew 21:42)*



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

The Pharisees were pressing Jesus but not hearing him. Perhaps they will see themselves in Jesus' parable about wicked tenants who killed for their own gain—even the landowner's own son!



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 are your top four values, the cornerstones of your moral compass? (If you're not sure, do an online search for "list of values" to browse your options.) How do your values shape your decisions?

For the littles: How high can you build a block tower?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May Jesus remain your cornerstone. Amen.



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

Build a house of cards. See how high you can make one. Then remove one of the foundational cards. Consider the metaphor. If Jesus is the cornerstone (or foundational card), what happens to humanity if we reject him?



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

Monday, Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 1 Peter 2:4-10

Tuesday, Psalm 119:49-56; Deut. 5:22-6:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Wednesday, Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 6:10-25; John 11:45-57

Thursday, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:1-8; 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14

Friday, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:9-11; James 4:4-10

Saturday, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:12-18; Mark 2:18-22