



September 10, 2023, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 18:15-20

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 community, wherever two or three are gathered in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we know that you, Triune God, Three-in-One, are in the midst of them. As we gather together today, fill us with the awareness of your presence within and around us. Amen.



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

"Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."
(Matthew 18:19-20)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus offers some practical advice to the early Christian community, and reminds them that he is in their midst whether they are in disagreement or agreement with one another.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

In what gatherings/settings do you feel the presence of God the most palpably? Where do you feel the absence of God?

What could you accomplish if you set out to do a task with two or more gathered in Jesus' name?

For the littles: Who are your favorite people? When do you get to see them all at the same time?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God gather you and bless your endeavors. Amen.



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

Invite a small group of like-minded people to coffee or lunch. Set an intention to accomplish a goal. Pray for God's guidance before you begin.



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

Monday, Psalm 121; Exodus 12:14-28; 1 Peter 2:11-17

Tuesday, Psalm 121; Exodus 12:29-42; Romans 13:1-7

Wednesday, Psalm 121; Exodus 13:1-10; Matthew 21:18-22

Thursday, Psalm 114; Exodus 13:17-22; 1 John 3:11-16

Friday, Psalm 114; Exodus 14:1-18; Acts 7:9-16

Saturday, Psalm 114; Exodus 15:19-21; Matthew 6:7-15