

FAITH5: Suggestions and Information

SHARE

- You could even say “yeah God’s and hey God’s”.
- Or “wow’s and pow’s”.
- Go in birth order one night, then switch it up the next night.
- While the person shares, feel free to ask clarifying questions.

READ

- Read the lesson from church that week each night to really get an understanding of that text.
- Daily Lectio website and app: <https://www.dailylectio.net/>
- Read a story from the Bible each night – or one for that whole week to again, get a better understanding of the story/text.
- Use the Spark/Whirl Story Bibles
- YOUR favorite Bible or translation
- Look at the handout for suggestions from the ELCA Generosity Project/4G network video project

Scripture Examples:

Stories of God's Generosity from the ELCA Generosity Project and the 4G Core Team Video Project:

- God is Generous in Creation: Genesis 1:27-31a
- Jesus is Generous with 5,000 People: John 6:1-14
- God's People are Generous with One Another: Acts 2:41-47
- Encouragement to Be Generous: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9
- 2 Sons: A Parable of Living Generosity: Matthew 19:23-30
- A Widow is Generous: Mark 12:41-44
- The Parable of the Generous Landowner: Matthew 20:1-16

TALK

Devotional Questions, adapted from the ELCA's Book of Faith Initiative

- What scares, confuses, or challenges me in this text? What do I have questions about?
- What delights me in this text? What is my favorite part? Where do I find comfort?
- What stories or memories does this text stir up in me? How does this text intersect with my life?
- What is God up to in this text? What is God calling me to do or to be through this text?

PRAY

- Take turns praying for your highs, with everyone responding “Thanks be to God!”
- turns praying for your lows, “Lord, have mercy.”
- Take turns praying for someone or something for which you have concern, “Lord, have mercy.”
- Finish with the Lord’s Prayer.

THE BLESSING

Examples of Different Kinds of Blessings

While making a sign of the cross on their forehead say.....

- Child of God, Jesus loves you and so do I
- God loves you, now rest well.
- God bless you
- Jesus loves you and is always with you
- Remember you're a baptized child of God
- May the Lord Bless you and keep you.
- May the Lord Bless you and keep you _____ (fill in the blank with words like "smiling", "giving", "kind", "loving").

Tools for At Home Faith

Growing God's Generous Generations (or "4G") Core Team has been producing a series of 12 videos that feature households from across the Nebraska Synod sharing the steps of FAITH5, focusing on the stories of God's generosity. Below are the links you can use to find these videos:

Nebraska Synod YouTube Channel

- <https://www.youtube.com/user/NebraskaSynod>

Nebraska Synod 4G Network Facebook page

- <https://www.facebook.com/NebraskaSynod4GNetwork>

Nebraska Synod Faith Formation Facebook page

- <https://www.facebook.com/Nebraska-Synod-Faith-Formation->

For more information regarding the Faith5

- <https://faithink.com/faith5>

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