



Growing FAITH at home

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

YEAR B

Lent is a time to worship God from the heart.



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CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. Recall a sacrifice you have made for someone else. Is there something that another person has sacrificed for you?
2. Before Jesus' death, his heart was "troubled" (John 12:27). Could Jesus have chosen not to die? Why or why not?



BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

S	John 12:20-33	The grain of wheat that dies
M	Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant from God
T	Hebrews 5:5-10	Jesus as high priest
W	John 20:24-29	Thomas sees and believes
T	1 Kings 19:11-18	Elijah meets God
F	2 Corinthians 5-14-21	Christ died for all
S	Psalm 51:1-12	A prayer for cleansing

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"I tell you for certain that a grain of wheat that falls on the ground will never be more than one grain unless it dies. But if it dies, it will produce lots of wheat."

JOHN 12:24



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Read Psalm 51.

Consider dividing up the reading as follows:

- Reader 1: verses 1-2;
- Reader 2: verses 3-5;
- Reader 3: verses 6-9;
- Reader 4: verses 10-12.

At the end of each section, invite all household members to respond together with these words:

"God, create a pure heart in me."



ACTION RESPONSE

Plant and water flower seeds in pots with potting soil.

Plan to give the flower pots away as Easter gifts to friends or neighbours as a sign of the new life that has come through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Write on the pot "John 12:24" and decorate it with Easter symbols.



MEALTIME PRAYER

You feed the hungry with grains of wheat. Thank you, Lord, for this food to eat. Amen.



PRAYER

Jesus our Saviour, please draw us close to you. Amen.



BLESSING

May Jesus draw you to himself. May his death cover your sins, and his resurrection fill you with new life.