'Place these words
on your hearts.
Get them deep inside you.
Tie them on your hands
and foreheads as a
reminder. Teach them to
your children. Talk about
them wherever you are,
sitting at home or
walking in the street;
talk about them from the
time you get up in the
morning until you fall
into bed at night. Inscribe
them on the doorposts
and gates of your cities.'

DEUTERONOMY 11:18-20

Growing FAITH at home

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA where love comes to life

GrowMinistries
LCA CHILD YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Growing FAITH at home

A simple tool to help households share and live their faith together during the week ... each and every week!

It includes key scriptures, prayers, blessings, faith talk, rituals and traditions, and more! Growing Faith at Home can help your household grow together in God's love and grace.

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Growing FAITH at home

A Home User's Guide

Supporting homes to pass on faith in Christ.

Growing FAITH at home

A weekly resource to help you connect your weekend worship with the faith life of your home. It is based on the three year cycle of church readings (called the Lectionary), and contains Bible readings, prayers, blessings and faith-sharing ideas for households to use each and every day.

Growing Faith at Home is an A4 sheet that can be photocopied as a double-sided A5 church bulletin insert.

Creative Response

A creative response is about making space to explore, in a creative and practical way, what we have learnt or heard through the Bible readings. It is about working as a household, family or individual to process the message as the Holy Spirit leads you.

The creative response time will allow people of all generations to work together, sharing and processing their thoughts. You can use the suggestion printed in the weekly Growing Faith at Home sheets or come up with your own.

Invite some wondering questions into your conversation. These can help to flesh out what each person is thinking… "I wonder what part of the Bible reading you like the best?" or "I wonder where you are in the story, or which part of the story is about you?".

Provide a variety of creative materials that allow all age levels and skills to empower creativity: Playdough, drawing tools including chalk boards, markers, building blocks i.e. Lego, recycled goods, etc.

FOUR KEYS

Faith becomes real when others can see God working in the lives of people. The Four Keys of Caring Conversations, Devotions, Service, and Rituals and Traditions provide some ideas that can assist us.

Caring Conversations

www.youtube.com/watch?v=5cSvt_OgXFM&t=6s

Christian faith and values are passed on to the next generation through supportive conversations.

Devotions

www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_Ja0wCKsg4

Our faith shapes the whole of our lives and involves a lifetime of Bible study, reflection and prayer.

Service

www.youtube.com/watch?v=yTFYimo-Y1Q

Serving others together provides an opportunity for children to see people's gifts, faith and values in action.

Rituals and Traditions

www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWyl8Eqo6sc&t=22s

Rituals and traditions communicate meaning, values and the relationship that exists between people and God.