# Growing FAITH at home

PROPER 28

YEAR A

**Encourage others to use the gifts and talents God has given them**

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## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What helps us use our talents? What stops us from using them?
2. In what ways are you using your talents to serve God? What does God promise to those who use their talents well (see Matthew 25:29)?

## BIBLE READINGS

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

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| S | **Matthew 25:14-30** | Parable of the talents |
| M | **Luke 19:11-26** | A king and his servants |
| T | **1 Peter 4:7-11** | Using our gifts |
| W | **Romans 12:4-8** | We have different gifts |
| T | **Judges 4:1-7** | Deborah |
| F | **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** | The Day of the Lord |
| S | **Psalm 90:1-12** | The power of his anger |

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

Encourage one another and build each other up.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11A

## CREATIVE RESPONSE

The apostle Paul says "encourage one another and build each other up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Spend some time this week affirming and encouraging one another.

For instance, you may wish to finish these sentences for each household member:

***"A talent I see you have is …"***

***"One thing I really appreciate about you is ..."***

***"Something I'd like to encourage you in is …"***

***"I felt very proud of you when …"***

## ACTION RESPONSE

Think of a person in your church or community who is developing or using their God-given gifts and talents, and whom you would like to encourage as a household.

Write them an encouragement note or prepare an encouraging gift for them.

## MEALTIME PRAYER

For food and drink and happy days we offer up our thanks and praise. Amen.

## PRAYER

Lord God, teach us to wisely use all the time we have, help us to be faithful servants who make the most of your gifts. Amen.

## BLESSING

Child of light, may God bless you with faith, hope and love, this day and always.