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Try to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

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Tuesday	John 8:31-36	The truth will set you free
Wednesday	John 18:28-38	Jesus and Pilate speak of truth
Thursday	John 6:35-48	Jesus, the bread of life
Friday	1 John 5:6-15	He who has the Son has life
Saturday	Psalms 119:145-160	Preserve my life, O Lord
Sunday	John 14:15-21	The promise of the Holy Spirit

**Scripture Verse for this Week:**

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."  
John 14:6 (NIV)

- Cut out & carry with you.
- Say at each mealtime.
- Read at bedtime.
- Commit to memory.

**Prayers for the Week:**

"Lord Jesus, grant that I may be filled with your life, walk in your way and proclaim your truth. Amen."

**For Throughout the Day:**

"God of mercy, lead me to declare your praises this day. Amen." (1 Peter 2:9-10)

**Mealtime Refrain:**

"We have been chosen by God. We are his royal priests and his holy people: Let us tell all the wonderful things he has done." (1 Peter 2:9)

**A Blessing to Share:**

"May the Lord grow you as his child, build you up as one of his chosen people, and keep you always in his mercy. Amen." (1 Peter 2:2,5,9,10)

**Easter Mealtime Prayer:**

"Risen Lord Jesus, we praise you for the gifts of this table and the feast of Easter Joy. Fill us with your love and life. Amen."

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**Faith Talk:**

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Have you ever been chosen for a special role or task? Share your memories.
- The apostle Peter says that we are God’s chosen people, his royal priests. What does it mean to be “royal”? What does it mean to be a “priest”?
- What does it mean to you that you belong to God as his special possession?

**Devotional Practices:**

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” As part of your family devotional time this week, share your troubles and concerns with one another. Read and discuss John 14:1-3. Pray for God’s help and support.

**Rituals and Traditions:**

The apostle Peter refers to Jesus as “God’s chosen and precious cornerstone” and to Christians as “living stones” who are being built into a “spiritual house” (1 Peter 2:4-6). Make a stone sculpture out of river stones to display in your family altar area. Choose a large stone to represent Christ, and paint or draw a cross upon it. Paint or write the names of each family member on separate stones and glue these on top of your “Christ stone”. Discuss what it means for your family to be a “spiritual house” in which God dwells.

**Service:**

Acts 7:55-60 describes how Stephen was killed because of his faith in Jesus. There are many Christians across the world who are imprisoned or even killed because they believe in Christ. Visit the website [www.prisoneralert.com](http://www.prisoneralert.com) to learn about Christians who are in prison. Find out how you can write letters of encouragement to these people and advocate for their release. Pray for these people by name during this week.

**Parent Toolbox:**

**Encouraging God’s Kids**

Let your children know that God has a special mission for their lives as his chosen people. He has gifted them with abilities, personality, and certain qualities to help them accomplish his purposes. You can help them discover their unique gifts by encouraging them in the things that they do well and feel passionate about. As they grow and mature, guide them into areas of service and activity where they can use their gifts for God’s glory.

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