



**December 16, 2018**

**Isaiah 42:1-9**

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

Lord, your promises stand fast throughout our trying times. Hold the hope of your deliverance ever before our eyes, that we might continue to put our trust in you, for the sake of your son Jesus. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

*He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. (Isaiah 42:2-4)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Isaiah's people are exiled and understandably discouraged. But the prophet can see beyond their present trials, to a future where they will be led with wisdom and justice.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**Who in your community lives in darkness? How can you shine light on those living in darkness?**

**How does God's light shine through you? How do people know you follow God?**

**For the littles: Are you afraid of the dark? Why or why not?**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

God of all creation, through your word open our eyes to see the new things you are doing. Help us rejoice in your faithfulness in the past and look forward to it in the future. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Spend 10% of your Christmas gift budget on people outside your family/friend circles. Donate to a charity or buy gifts for those who cannot afford gifts.**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Monday, Isaiah 42:10-20, *A Hymn of Praise*

Tuesday, Isaiah 42:21-25, *Israel's Disobedience*

Wednesday, Isaiah 43:1-7, *Restoration and Protection Promised*

Thursday, Isaiah 43:8-21, *Restoration and Protection Promised*

Friday, Isaiah 43:22-28, *Restoration and Protection Promised*

Saturday, Isaiah 44:1-8, *God's Blessing on Israel*

**Next Week, Matthew 1:18-25, *Joseph Trusts God***