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Matthew 18:1-9

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



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

God, you value humility and lift up those who rank lowest in this world. Instill in us the desire to serve you without concern for position or esteem in the eyes of others, but to live as your grateful children, at peace with you and with our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.



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

"Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea." (Matthew 18:4-6)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

After all of Jesus' radical teachings, his disciples still want to know who will be the greatest in the eyes of God. He spells out the answer in words a child could understand.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

What does greatness mean in your community? Who are great? Who are the least?

What makes you great? What makes those around you great? Is your life a competition or a collaboration? What would be the benefits and drawbacks of either or both?

For the littles: What is awesome about you? Jesus welcomes children, even before grown-ups!

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.



May God bless you, not with greatness, but with humility. Amen.



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

Consider volunteering in your church's nursery. Observe the children. What makes them great in Jesus' eyes?



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Wednesday, Matthew 18:1-9, *Who Is the Greatest?*

Thursday, Psalm 146:7c-10, *Psalm*

Friday, Psalm 51:1-3, *Psalm*

Saturday, Matthew 13:54-58, *Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth*