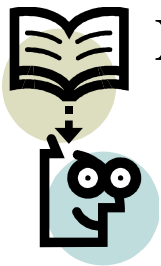


# Home-and-Heart Page

We believe that hearing the Word of God proclaimed and explained is just the beginning of the transformative power of scripture. Use this sheet to expand this process in your life!

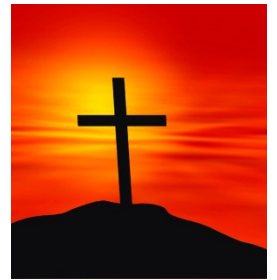


## Knowledge

What part of the scripture reading that speaks to me today:

I want to memorize this:

Book:                      Chapter:                      Verse(s):



## Faith

What in the readings helped me understand God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit:

What in the readings encourages my relationship with God:



## Action

What in the readings encourages and affirms my faith journey:

What in the readings challenges me to change in my actions and relationships:

# This week's Journey ...

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 1-15

## Discussion & Reflection

1. At His baptism Jesus was affirmed as God's son. At your baptism you were affirmed as God's child. How does this identity make a difference in your life?
2. During His temptation in the desert wild animals hindered Jesus and angels helped him. What are the wild animals (hindrances) in your life? Who are the angels helping you in your life?
3. Jesus announced, 'the kingdom of God is near'. Where do you see the kingdom of God active in our world today?



## Devotion & Prayer

Take out your baptismal candle (or your child's baptismal candle). Have a 'baptismal birthday party' complete with cake! Tell the story of the day you were baptized.

End with this prayer: Dear God, Thank you for making us your sons and daughters through the gift of baptism. Help us to see the Holy Spirit at work in our lives and in the world around us. Let us know how to serve others in your name. Amen.

## Activity

Children: Draw a picture of the story of the day you were baptized and hang it on your bathroom mirror as a daily reminder that you are a child of God.

Adults: Go through family albums and rediscover pictures of family baptisms and think about how faith shaped the lives of these people.

## Service

Some signs of the kingdom of God are healing the sick and feeding the hungry. Make a commitment to visit someone who is not well (at home, in the hospital or in the nursing home) and/or collect some canned food to bring to our local food pantry.

