

# T.G.I.F. - Tuesday Growing in Faith

## Week of November 6

- **Opening Prayer:** Jesus, Thank you for looking out for those in need. Help us to be more like you, that we would care for others, showing them your love. Amen.
- **Scripture:** Matthew 19 13-15, Luke 8: 43-48, Mark 1: 40-42
- **Activity:** Image of God in Everyone - Go through magazines and cut out images that remind you of God. use your images to make a family collage by gluing them on paper. Share with one another why the images remind you of God. Talk about how, just as you found images of God in these magazines, the image of God can be found in everyone you meet.
- **Something to think/talk about:** Talk about how, just as you found images of God in these magazines, the image of God can be found in everyone you meet. When we limit God, we restrict God's creative expression in the world and who we are made in the image of God. Each person, with all they are, is a reflection of the creative nature of God. Diversity is what creation is all about and is to be celebrated.
- **Closing Prayer:** God, Whose image is alive in all people, show us the glory and beauty of your diversity. Give us the courage to honor it deeply in every part of our lives. Grow in us all the care, compassion, wisdom, and truth that we need to affirm, listen to, and center all who are marginalized among us. Set us to work with your liberating Spirit to work for justice in our world. Amen.

## Week of November 13

- **Opening Prayer:** God of integrity, You're honest and faithful. Make us more like you. Teach us how to live uprightly. Amen.
- **Scripture:** Proverbs 31: 8-9



- **Activity:** Equity vs. Equality - watch the following videos: (go to YouTube and search for the title, "Equity Vs Equality" 4:30 video and search for "Fair is Fair Read Aloud" 5: 40 video)
- **Something to think/talk about:** What is equal? What is fair? How do you experience this at home, within the family, within the community? How can you work for more equity in the world?
- **Closing Prayer:** Heavenly Father, Heavenly Mother, help us show love and kindness to all, regardless of their station in life. Amen.

## Week of November 20

- **Opening Prayer:** Dear Jesus, in your name, please help us to do right by others and everyone you bring into our lives. Amen.
- **Scripture:** Luke 9: 16-17
- **Something to think/talk about:** Research ethnic and cultural people groups different from your own that have restaurants or groceries in the area. What foods do they eat? What is the same about the food? What is different?
- **Activity:** Restaurant (or Shopping) Rotation - Eat or shop for groceries at places from communities that are not like your own. Try new food at the restaurant.
- **Closing Prayer:** Lord's Prayer

## Week of November 27

- **Opening Prayer:** Creator God, thank you for the unique and perfect way you created the world and all that is in it. Your works are wondrous! Amen.
- **Scripture:** Luke 10: 25-37
- **Something to think/talk about:** What does the word marginalized mean to you? Define it in your own words. Who are the marginalized people in your community? Who may have been marginalized in the story in Luke? Is your family marginalized? What can you do to be more like the Samaritan in Luke?
- **Activity:** Letter to the Editor - think about a justice issue your family is passionate about. Take your local newspaper together. See if you can find an article that talks about the justice issue that you're passionate about. If you find an article about it, write a letter to the editor thanking them for including something you're passionate about. If you don't find an article, write a letter to the editor telling them why you are passionate about the justice issue and ask them to include it in their coverage.
- **Closing Prayer:** God, may your extraordinary love flow through us in ordinary ways. Amen.