



July 21, 2024, 1 John: Spirit is the Truth 1 John 5:1-6

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



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God our mother, our father, because we love you, we also love Jesus, your beloved son and our sibling. By the power of your Holy Spirit, give us the immovable faith that spurs us to action in love on behalf of all that you have created. Make us living channels for your mercy and healing, that we might bring joy and wholeness to all those we encounter today and every day. Amen.



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

For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. (1 John 5:3-4)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

We've not heard much about faith up until this point, but what we hear now is a big thing: the victory which conquers the world is our faith!



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- How are love and faith related? Can you have faith without love? Can you love without having faith?
- How does obeying God's commandments "conquer the world?"
- For the littles: Following God's rules shows love for God. What rules are easy to follow? What rules are hard?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless you with abundant faith, that you might share God's love with the world. Amen.



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

Make a list of no more than five rules you think God has for your life (be gentle). Each day, pray for the strength to follow these rules to the best of your ability. Forgive yourself if you fall short.



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

Monday: *Faith Conquers the World*, 1 John 5:4-5

Tuesday: *The Spirit, The Water, and The Blood*, 1 John 5:6-8

Wednesday: *Human Testimony and God's Testimony*, 1 John 5:9

Thursday: *Testimony in Our Hearts*, 1 John 5:10

Friday: *This is the Testimony*, 1 John 5:11-12

Saturday: *Why John is Writing*, 1 John 5:13