

*Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way*

February 28, 2021
Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17 Romans 4:13-35
Psalms 22:23-31 Mark 8:31-38

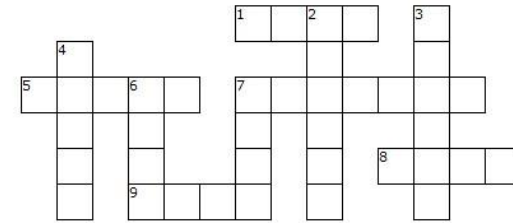
Helloo friends! When I was in elementary school, all of us had responsibilities in the classroom. The teacher would choose people to do certain tasks like erase the board, pass out papers, and my favorite, line leader. Do they still do that today? Have you ever been a line leader? If not, let me explain. The line leader gets to be the first one at the door and everyone else gets to follow the leader. The line leader is responsible for leading the rest of the class to a designated spot like the cafeteria, the library, or the playground. It's kind of a big job!

In our gospel lesson from Mark today, we hear about Jesus' friend, Peter. Jesus, the leader of the disciples, is talking to his friends about some things that they do not want to hear, that Jesus must begin his journey to Jerusalem and that it won't be an easy task. Peter, worried about Jesus' safety tells Jesus to avoid the things that will bring him harm. Peter got turned around and forgot who was leading, not him, but Jesus. Jesus then tells Peter to get behind him, as a reminder to turn back around so he could see Jesus again and follow him.

It's easy to get turned around, but we have to remember that we're not always chosen to be the leader. The only one who gets that title full-time is Jesus. Jesus points us in the direction of God and leads us right to where God needs us to be. It's not always easy to follow, like when we need to forgive someone who has hurt us, but we can always trust Jesus to lead us in the right direction.

Loving God, you sent us your son Jesus to keep us in line and to guide us on the right path. Help us to follow with our whole hearts. Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. The period between birth and death
5. The object upon which Jesus was crucified
7. To care about what you want without thinking of others
8. To refuse to allow yourself something
9. To no longer have something because it has been taken away

DOWN

2. To be guided by someone else; to go behind
3. The teachings of Jesus and the Apostles
4. A large number of people gathered together
6. The part of a person that continues to live after a person dies
7. To keep someone or something safe from harm

FOLLOW	CROWD	SELFISH	LIFE	SOUL
GOSPEL	LOSE	SAVE	CROSS	DENY

Activity: This week, play a few games of Follow the Leader with your family. Take turns being in charge.

Discussion Question: When has it been hard to do the right thing and follow Jesus?

Family Table Prayer for February:

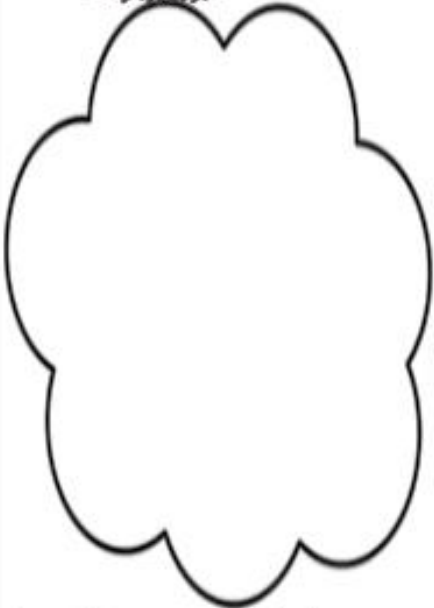
Hearts and crosses fill our month. As we think of you. Jesus fill our life with love today, and all year through. Amen

February Memory Verse: 1 John 4:8 Anyone who does not know love does not know God because God is love.

LORD GOD

Help me to be
a disciple
this
week.

This week
I will follow
Jesus by
doing this.



Sat

Fri

Thurs

Wed

Tues

Mon

AMEN

Color in the
foot day by
day as you
follow
Jesus!

Follow Jesus