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**For Throughout the Day:**

Lord God, please keep me from sinning and wandering away from you. Amen. (1 John 3:6-7)

**A Blessing to Share:**

*Child of God, may you be filled with peace of Jesus, and made strong with God's power. Amen. (Luke 24:36,49)*

**Mealtime Refrain:**

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**Faith Talk:**

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- After Jesus had risen, he appeared to his disciples and ate a piece of fish while he was with them. Why do you think he did this?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus is fully human, with a body like yours and mine, as well as fully God?

**Devotional Practices:**

Jesus calls his followers to be his witnesses, to share with others their faith in him (Luke 24:46-47). In your home prayer times this week, pray for household members, friends or neighbors who are not Christians. Ask for God's help to share his love with them.

**Service:**

May 8 is International Red Cross Day. Make it a household project to find out all you can about the Red Cross organization and its work. Allocate or fundraise some money to donate in support of the work of Red Cross, or decide on another way to provide support (e.g. by becoming a blood donor). Give special focus to Red Cross in your household prayers this week.

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- Share the "highs" and "lows" from your day.
- Read a bible story.
- Say a prayer together e.g. *"Dear Father in heaven, look down from above; Bless me, your world, and all whom I love. Amen."*
- Mark one another with the sign of the cross.
- Use the blessings provided each week in *Taking Faith Home*.
- Memorize and use the words of Psalm 4:8 as a bedtime refrain (parent or child-carer says first part, child responds with second part) – *"I will lie down in peace and sleep: You alone, O Lord, will keep me safe."*

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