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**For Throughout the Day:**

Lord Jesus, give me faith and courage this day to tell others about you. Amen. (Mark 6:7-12)

**A Blessing to Share:**

*May the Lord be with you in all things and show his power in your life. Amen.*

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**Faith Talk:**

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- What is one of your strengths? What is one of your weaknesses?
- The apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Corinth about his weaknesses (see 2 Corinthians 12:7-10). God told Paul that his power was "made perfect in weakness". In what ways does God use our weaknesses to show his strength?
- Have you experienced the power of Christ at work in your times of weakness? How?

**Devotional Practices:**

During this week, make a list of the ways you see God's power at work e.g. in nature, or in people or events around you. Give thanks for those things. Look up and discuss these verses which speak of God's power: Matthew 19:26; 1 Chronicles 29:12; 1 Corinthians 1:25; Psalm 89:8-9,11,13; Isaiah 40:28-31.

**Service:**

One way God helps us in our times of weakness is through the encouragement of others. As a household, choose someone whom you would like to especially encourage. Plan a way to do this during the coming week.

**Rituals and Traditions:**

In the Sunday Gospel reading, Mark tells us that when Jesus went to his home of Nazareth, people did not accept him or welcome his message (see Mark 6:1-6). We don't want to be like this; we want to always welcome Jesus into our lives. Give each household member a large piece of construction paper with which to design a "Welcome Jesus" mat. Place these mats on doors in your home.

**Parent Toolbox: The Christian Household in Mission**

David & Vera Mace, founders of the Christian Marriage Enrichment Movement, wrote that "The Christian home is . . . by far the most powerful evangelizing agency in the world. . . . By their gracious influence, Christian homes win more converts than all the preachers put together." Here are some suggestions for making your home a centre for evangelism to others:

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- Invite your non-Christian acquaintances to lunch, dinner or a household outing.
- Encourage your children to invite unchurched friends to child or youth ministry events, worship services or other church events.
- Make your home a place where your kid's friends feel welcome to come.
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