

JANUARY 15, 2017  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER  
EPIPHANY



*Faith is formed through relationships.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 1:29-42	Jesus, the Lamb of God
Monday	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Encouraging the Church
Tuesday	Exodus 12:1-28	The Passover lamb
Wednesday	Isaiah 49:1-7	The servant's mission
Thursday	1 Peter 1:13-21	A lamb without blemish
Friday	Revelation 7:13-17	The lamb will be their shepherd
Saturday	Psalms 40	Trusting the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 4:12-23	Jesus calls his first disciples

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus replied, "Come and see!" It was already about four o'clock in the afternoon when they went with him and saw where he lived. So they stayed on for the rest of the day. **John 1:39 (CEV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Lamb of God, thank you for reaching out to us through others and inviting us to come and see you. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, thank you for giving us this food, a sign of the many wonderful things you have done for us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May you be led to see and know Jesus. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be kind to you and bless you with peace. (1 Corinthians 1:3)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*I Want Jesus to Walk  
with Me*



### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- What does it mean to you when someone invites you to their home?
- Jesus invited two people to see where he was living. What would it be like to be invited by Jesus to his home?
- When Andrew heard that Jesus was the Messiah, the first thing he did was search for his brother Simon and bring him to meet Jesus (John 1:40-42). In what ways do you help others meet Jesus?

### DEVOTIONS

John the Baptist refers to Jesus as the Lamb of God twice in John 1. That message is so important to the church that Christians around the world sing these words every Sunday during Holy Communion. Sing or pray that part of the liturgy called the *agnus dei*, Lamb of God. Identify ways that you have seen or experienced Jesus, the one who takes away the sin of the world. After each experience is named, say aloud these words.

*Say: Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.*

Conclude by praying the Lord's Prayer.

### SERVICE

In John 1, we hear that John the Baptist pointed two of his disciples to Jesus. They followed Jesus and spent the day with him. Andrew, in turn, introduced his brother, Simon Peter, to Jesus. Invite someone to have a meal with you and use some portion of *Taking Faith Home* as a way to experience and see Jesus, the Lamb of God, in your relationship.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Mealtimes offer wonderful opportunities for sharing, connection, hospitality, and value formation, but these things do not come automatically. Consider these steps to make the most of your home hospitality.

- When you eat, turn off the television and other forms of media.
- Try not to worry about accidental messes. Focus on the bigger picture, time together with another person.
- Avoid using the time to raise issues or being critical. Encourage affirmation, sharing of news and ideas, and other positive communication.
- At mealtime, light a candle and say a table grace.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)