

“Taking Faith Home”

– An Introduction for Congregations

Looking for a way to link Sunday worship with household faith formation Monday to Saturday?

Want to provide resources to help parents and grandparents pass on the Christian faith in their homes?

TAKING FAITH HOME is a weekly Lectionary-based resource to help your households live, share and celebrate faith together each and every week!



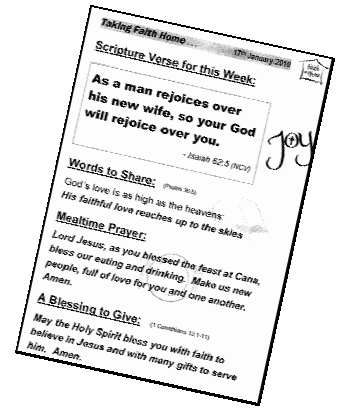
What is **TAKING FAITH HOME**?

TAKING FAITH HOME is a suite of resources connecting weekly congregational worship with the faith life of the home.

- **TAKING FAITH HOME Church Bulletin Insert** — in photocopyable double-sided A5-size format. One on side there are aids for individual or household devotional use e.g. daily bible readings, a key scripture passage for the week, prayers and blessings. These are based on or related to Sunday’s Bible readings. On the reverse side there are ideas and suggestions to help households live out their faith in and through the home during the week. These are listed under four categories, called the “Four Keys” for the Home - *Faith Talk, Devotional Practices, Rituals & Traditions and Service*.

(To learn more about the “Four Keys”, visit <http://www.formingfaith.com/3.html>).

- **TAKING FAITH HOME Home Table Edition** — in larger print, this edition contains parts of the Church Bulletin Insert that can be shared by households on a daily basis – a key Scripture passage, words of Scripture that can be said responsively (“Words to Share”), a mealtime prayer and a blessing to speak to one another. It is designed to be inserted into an A5-size plastic menu holder and displayed on the home mealtable throughout the week.
- **TAKING FAITH HOME Supplementary Resources** — these build on the “Four Keys” materials in the Church Bulletin insert. Their purpose is to help households easily make use of the some of the ideas provided from week to week, and/or to help church leaders build connections between the resource and Sunday worship.



Where does **TAKING FAITH HOME** come from?

TAKING FAITH HOME is developed by Rev. Greg Priebbenow, a pastor of the Lutheran Church of Australia currently ministering at Unity College, Murray Bridge. Pastor Greg makes the **TAKING FAITH HOME** resources **freely available to churches, households and individuals in Australia**. They are sent out in advance by email on monthly basis.

To be included on the Australian distribution list, email a request to pastorgreg@formingfaith.com.

(In the USA, the materials are sold through Vibrant Faith Ministries - visit www.vibrantfaith.org/taking_faith_home.html for more details.)

Is **TAKING FAITH HOME** just for families with children or youth?

While the primary “target” of **TAKING FAITH HOME** is households with children or youth, it is flexible enough to be used by a variety of people in a variety of ways. Adults of all ages, for instance, use the devotional resources (Bible readings, prayers, blessings) in their personal or couple “quiet times”. Small groups and ministry teams and committees have also benefited from using the “Faith Talk” questions for spiritual reflection and focus.

How can my congregation make best use of **TAKING FAITH HOME**?

Using **TAKING FAITH HOME** well requires more than simply photocopying the resources and distributing them to select households. It has proven to be of most benefit when reinforced through Sunday worship, promoted to homes on an ongoing basis and supplemented with practical teaching and training. A “**Congregational User’s Guide**” and “**Home User’s Guide**” have been developed to help you introduce the resource to your congregation and support its use over time.

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