

The Body of Christ



May 1, 2016

United in Baptism

FAITH



Share: share your Highs & Lows of the day.



Read: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text.

- 1 Sunday, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 – Factions in the Corinthian Church
- 2 Monday, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 – Introduction and Thanksgiving
- 3 Tuesday, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 – Christ the Power and Wisdom of God
- 4 Wednesday, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 – Proclaiming Christ Crucified
- 5 Thursday, 1 Corinthians 2:6-18 – True Wisdom of God
- 6 Friday, 1 Corinthians 3:1-23 – Division in the Church
- 7 Saturday, 1 Corinthians 4: 1-5, 14- 20 Ministry of the Apostles



Talk: study the reading and consider the background.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. 1 Corinthians 1:10

Many times when we get to know people we come to understand them better. Talk to someone who you don't always agree with. Find out three interesting things about them.

*Who are people that you argue with?

*How can you help to end those arguments and divisions?

Share about a time when you were able to work out an argument you had.

Notes from Sunday to support this week's devotions:



Pray: Pray for your Highs & Lows, for yourself, for your family, and for the world. You can use this prayer or make your own.

Gracious God, through our baptism we are united to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Send your Spirit help us to live out this unity in our words and actions. Amen

Prayer Concerns to take home for this week:



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing. Mark the sign of the cross on each other's head or your own forehead and use words of blessing like:

- * You are a blessed and loved child of God, marked by the cross of Christ forever.
- * Jesus loves you and so do I.

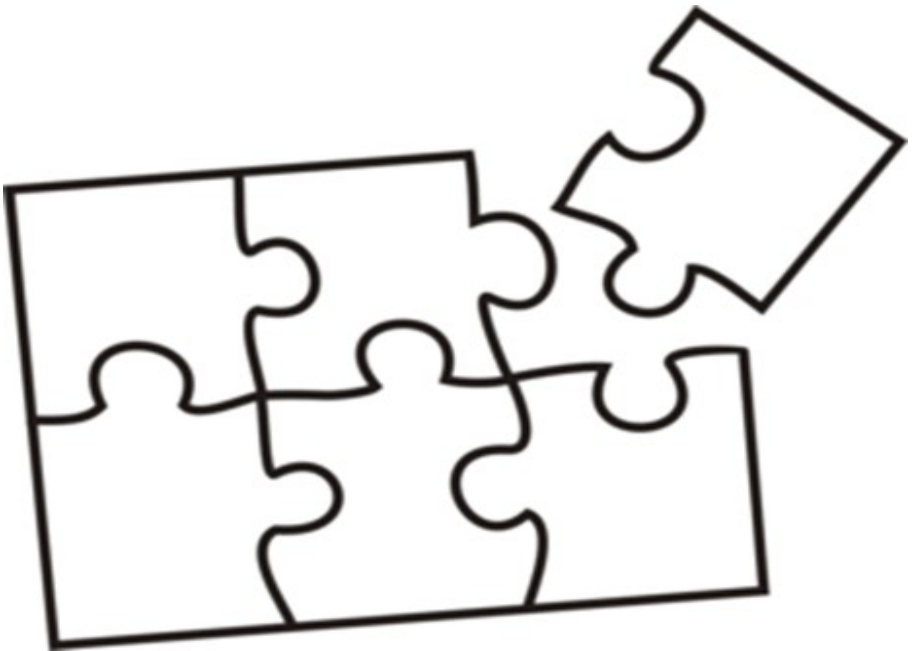
- * May God bring you unity with all people.

By acting on what we learn, we are blessed to be a blessing.
Consider the following activity this week.

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The apostle Paul wrote a beautiful story about Jesus' love. Here is what he wrote: Love is the most important spiritual gift ever.

If I am brilliant and speak with wisdom, my wisdom is nothing if I don't love. If I am a genius and understand things about the world nobody else understands, my knowledge is nothing if I don't love. If I have so much faith I can move mountains with it, my faith is nothing if I don't love. Even if I am so generous that I give away everything I own, my generosity is nothing if I don't love. Love is patient. Love is kind. Love is not jealous. Love is not filled with pride. Love is not selfish. Love doesn't hold a grudge. Love is not rude. Love is not crabby. Love does not rejoice in wrong. Love rejoices in truth. Love can make shared suffering bearable. Love makes us happy when others succeed. Love is filled with faith. Love is filled with hope. Love can endure anything. Love will last forever. Wherever there are people on the earth, there is faith, hope, and love. The greatest of these is love.



God wants all people to be united.
Color this puzzle knowing that God
wants all the pieces of the puzzle to
come together.