

5th Sunday of Easter  
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# FAITH @ HOME

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**First Reading:** Acts 4:8-12  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32  
**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:18-24  
**Gospel:** John 15:4a, 5b

[Full Readings can be found here!](#)

## 1. HEAR

Grab your bible and look up the reading. If you don't have a Bible, you can find the Gospel reading here.

To see a children's video with a brief reflection on the meaning of the Gospel reading, [click here](#).

## 2. PRAY

Together pray and reflect on the commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." Quietly reflect on how you show love to others – at home, with your family, your friends?

Together pray and reflect on Jesus saying to his disciples: "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Quietly reflect on how you extend your love and actions of love (being a good friend, being kind, being of service to others) – how am I the branches of Jesus' vine – extending out to others loving actions everyday.

Share with us how you are living out your faith at home. Use #LACatholicsBelieve and tag @LACatholics on social media.

## 3. TALK

Go on a nature walk. With each step, look around you at all the beautiful trees. Notice how each tree and its leaves are different, unique, and beautiful. If you see a leaf on the ground during your walk, pick it up and examine it closely. Notice the different shades of green, yellow, orange, or red – see it's unique texture and shape.

Reflect on the beauty of creation, God's gift to you. Imagine God as a massive vine and you are one of His unique and beautiful leaves.

God in his deep love and mercy gave us His Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior and our redeemer. God in his deep love and mercy gave us the gift of creation. We are to be good stewards of God's gifts and care for all creation. God is his deep love and mercy created us. Each one of us is unique and beautiful and we possess many gifts and talents.

How do we show love and appreciation for creation and nature? How do you extend your love and mercy to those around you?



After your nature walk and reflection, close your time in prayer reflecting again on: "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."