

# How To Use My Faith Home Reading Journal

Using interactive, engaging activities that students love, the *My Faith Home Reading Journal* is a fun but functional reading log, with ample space to **record reading progress, notes, and comments.**

Plus, students and parents can **reflect on and complete fun activities** based on each **Sunday liturgy.**

The My Faith Home Reading Journal also includes **stickers** and **reading certificates** to **encourage** and **inform** students throughout the year.

## Why Use Paper Planners?

- Writing on paper helps to improve memory
- Planning on paper helps to maintain focus
- Writing things down helps us to prioritise tasks
- Diaries are a visual representation and record of our accomplishments
- Student diaries significantly increase our chances at academic and personal success



# Fun activities based on the Sunday Gospel to help students grow in faith every week!



**SUNDAY APRIL 5** Easter Sunday

**THE WORD**  
While it was still dark, early Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the entrance. She ran to get Peter and John. "They have taken the Lord from the tomb," she said. They ran to the tomb, saw the linen wrappings on the ground, and they believed.  
Act 10:34,37-43 | Ps 117 | Col 2:1-4 | Jn 20:1-9

**LOOK CLOSER**  
The Easter Season begins! The celebration of the resurrection of Jesus is the climax of the Church's life marking Christ's victory over sin and death. The season of Easter extends for 50 days after Easter Sunday, closing with Pentecost Sunday. Resurrection Party! Celebrate with streamers, ribbons, and balloons proclaiming 'Alleluia', 'He is Risen' and 'Jesus Lives!'

**BE A SAINT**  
Faith  
St John Paul II - 1920-2005  
John Paul II was a faithful pope known for his saying, "Do not be afraid!"

**Alleluia!**  
Colour in.

Alleluia comes from the Hebrew word meaning 'Praise the Lord'. It appears as a prayer in the Old Testament Psalms and as the chant of the saints in heaven in the Book of Revelation. For Christians, 'alleluia' is a bit like a victorious battle cry or a cheer leader's whoop! It expresses celebration, life, strength, freedom and all the wonderfully liberating qualities offered to us through the resurrection of Jesus. To mutter it is to contradict its meaning!

**My Homework** **My Reading** Reading Level:

**Monday 6**  
Book Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
How did you enjoy your reading?      Minutes read 15 Pages read 10 Initials DS

**Tuesday 7**  
Book Title *Three Little Kittens*  
Comments *I loved this book. I love cats*  
How did you enjoy your reading?      Minutes read 20 Pages read 60 Initials DS

**Wednesday 8**  
Book Title *Green Eggs and Ham*  
Comments *I didn't like this one. The Grinch is better*  
How did you enjoy your reading?      Minutes read 20 Pages read \_\_\_\_\_ Initials DS

**Thursday 9**  
Book Title *Rainbow Magic Evie the Mist Fairy*  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
How did you enjoy your reading?      Minutes read 10 Pages read \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday 10**  
Book Title *Rainbow Magic Evie the Mist Fairy*  
Comments *This was a challenge but I loved this book. I want to read more*  
How did you enjoy your reading?      Minutes read \_\_\_\_\_ Pages read \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday 11**  
Book Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
How did you enjoy your reading?      Minutes read \_\_\_\_\_ Pages read \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sunday 5**  
Book Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
How did you enjoy your reading?      Minutes \_\_\_\_\_ Pages \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29** Advent 1

**STAY AWAKE!**  
This year, make a gift for Jesus. e.g. make a gift certificate to do a chore that your brother dislikes or write a "praise" letter to your sister listing all the things you admire in her.

**THE WORD**  
Jesus said to his disciples: "Be on your guard, stay awake! You never know when the time will come. It is like a man who goes travelling, leaving his servants in charge. You do not know when the master will return: He must not find you asleep. So stay awake!"  
Lk 4:1-6, 14 | Ps 77 | Cor 1:3-9 | Mk 13:33-37

**LOOK CLOSER**  
Stay Awake - Stay Away. The consumer madness of Christmas has all but eclipsed the one for whom the feast exists: Jesus. In our modern society, 'staying awake' often means 'staying away' from the shopping mall. This year, do something radical: give gifts that Jesus would want - gifts of time, kindness and love.  
Nativity Scene: St Francis of Assisi began the tradition of the Nativity. Week by week, place additional characters in the scene. Finally, on Christmas Eve place the baby Jesus.

**BE A SAINT**  
Thoughtfulness  
St Gianna Molla - 1922-1962  
Gianna needed surgery while she was pregnant and was thoughtful by choosing the safest operation to protect her unborn baby.

**My Homework** **My Reading** Reading Level:

**Monday 30**  
Book Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
How did you enjoy your reading?      Minutes read 20 Pages read \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuesday 1**  
Book Title *Rainbow Fish to the Rescue*  
Comments *I like the pictures in this book a lot*  
How did you enjoy your reading?      Minutes read 15 Pages read \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday 2**  
Book Title *Adventures of Lupio*  
Comments *So fun!*  
How did you enjoy your reading?      Minutes read 35 Pages read \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday 3**  
Book Title *Catholic Bible for Children*  
Comments *Really long but really good. I want to keep reading this book every day until I finish it*  
How did you enjoy your reading?      Minutes read \_\_\_\_\_ Pages read \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday 4**  
Book Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
How did you enjoy your reading?      Minutes read \_\_\_\_\_ Pages read \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday 5**  
Book Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
How did you enjoy your reading?      Minutes read \_\_\_\_\_ Pages read \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sunday 29**  
Book Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
How did you enjoy your reading?      Minutes \_\_\_\_\_ Pages \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_





Reading Awards to encourage and acknowledge achievements!

Interesting articles to help practice and build faith!

