

## DEVOTIONS

*Think about devotions is as a continuation of our community's worship. The following basic pattern could be one way of forming your household's devotions. Adapt as necessary!*

### GATHERING

✠ Light a candle to help you focus this time as "God time."

#### ✠ Prayer of the Week

God of Greatness—through Jesus your Son, you have broken into our world with a kingly rule of mercy, love, and healing. In our own baptisms, you have called us to be a part of that kingdom as disciples of that same Jesus. Renew us daily in the promises you make to us in baptism, that we may be also daily sent into our world to make your kingdom known. Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATION

*Take a moment to check in with each other or to use the questions below.*

- ? **Highs & Lows:** What is one thing you that made you feel loved today? What is one thing that made you feel bad today?
- ? **Thinking About This Week's Story:** When Jesus was baptized, a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the beloved, with you I am well-pleased." List all the ways that help you to know that God loves you?
- ? **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus used stories called parables to teach people about God. How can you teach people about God? What stories might you tell to help them know more about God?

### DAILY BIBLE READING

*Read aloud from the DAILY BIBLE READING from the front. What do you want to remember from this reading?*

### PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Pray the Lord's Prayer together.

### CLOSING

✠ If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.

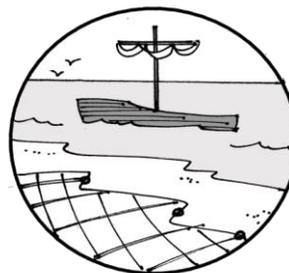
#### ✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

*Mark one another with the sign of the cross on each other's hands or forehead, and say, "You are a beloved child of God. With you, God is well-pleased. Amen."*

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Mark 1:4-20



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

- Mark 1:11

### MEALTIME PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the good food on our table. Merciful God, thank you for your love and kindness in our daily lives. Caring God, help us to share all that you have given us with others. Amen.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What is Jesus doing in each story?***

Sunday	Mark 1:4-13	Baptized and Tempted
Monday	Mark 1:14-20	Jesus' Ministry Begins
Tuesday	Mark 1:40-45	Jesus Heals a Leper
Wednesday	Mark 2:13-17	Tax Collectors and Sinners
Thursday	Mark 2:23-28	Doing What is Unlawful
Friday	Mark 3:1-6	A Sabbath Healing
Saturday	Mark 3:13-20	Jesus Calls the Twelve
Sunday	Mark 4:1-9	The Parable of the Sower

*If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children's Bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the DAILY BIBLE READINGS. **Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!***

### SERVICE CHALLENGE

*SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.*

Pick up a package of bottled water from the store. Keep the bottled water in your car, and the next time you see someone who is thirsty pass one out.