

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, We thank you for the Bible's story that tells of your great love and patience for your people. Continue, in that love and patience, to call us back to you, forgiving us, renewing us, and leading us. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** What was the best-loved moment from the day? What was the worst-lived moment from the day?
- ❓ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Hosea's words from God are full of passion and love in the same way God has created and intended relationships between parents (or caregivers) and children to be. Each day this week, share a story about your parents, children, or other caregivers.
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Isaiah writes about how God loves and tends the vineyard, God's people, so that they can love and care for others. How were you a caring person today?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Have each person fill in the blank of this prayer: Dear God, thank you for [name one person you love] because [explain why you love him or her]. Amen.

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, "[Name], you are a beloved child of God. Go and love others today. Amen."

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Hosea 11:1-9



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
- Hosea 11:1

MEALTIME PRAYER

Gracious God, you call us sons and daughters of your family. Gather with us today as we dine, and be with us as go on our way. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **Who are the people in the story? Why do you think their stories were recorded?***

Sunday	Hosea 11:1-9	God's Beloved Children
Monday	2 Kings 2:1-12	Elijah Ascends to Heaven
Tuesday	2 Kings 2:13-22	Elisha's Prophetic Power
Wednesday	2 Kings 4:1-7	The Miracle of the Widow's Oil
Thursday	2 Kings 5:1-14	Naaman Healed of Leprosy
Friday	2 Kings 5:15-19	Naaman Returns Home
Saturday	2 Kings 9:1-10; [1 Kings 19:16]	Jehu Anointed as Israel's King
Sunday	Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5	Israel, God's Vineyard

*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.

It is a long time until Mother's or Father's Day, but contact your parents or other special caregivers. Thank them for their role in your life.