

## 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, you promised to hear us. Remind us that you hear our cries, as you heard your people in Egypt. Open our hearts, minds, and eyes to see your comfort and deliverance. Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** Name one thing that made you smile today. Name one thing that made you frown.
- ❓ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** God promised Moses that God would be with him at all times. Can you think of one way that God was with you today?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Review the Ten Commandments online. Which one was easy to keep today? Which one was hard to keep?

### DAILY BIBLE READING

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

### PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Place the candle in center of the group and hold hands. Someone starts the prayer, and then squeezes the hand next to him or her to pray next. Keep the prayer going until each person has had a chance to pray. End with everyone saying, "Amen."

### CLOSING

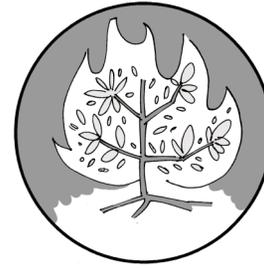
✠ If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.

#### ✠ 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], the God who was, who is, and who will always be is with you. Amen."*

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Exodus 1:8-14; [15—2:10]; 3:1-15



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### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them."

- Exodus 3:9-10

### MEALTIME PRAYER

From the moment we wake to the moment we sleep, we give thanks to you, O Lord, for hearing our cries, for filling our bodies, and loving us all the day long. Amen.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What is the point of each story?***

|           |                    |                            |
|-----------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Sunday    | Exodus 3:1-15      | Moses and the Burning Bush |
| Monday    | Exodus 5:1-9       | Let My People Go           |
| Tuesday   | Exodus 7:1-13      | Signs and Wonders in Egypt |
| Wednesday | Exodus 12:29-32    | Pharaoh Finally Relents    |
| Thursday  | Exodus 14:5-14     | Pharaoh's Pursuit          |
| Friday    | Exodus 14:19-31    | Salvation at Sea           |
| Saturday  | Deuteronomy 5:1-21 | The Ten Commandments       |
| Sunday    | Deuteronomy 6:4-9  | Love the Lord Your God     |

*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.*

Find one item from your kitchen pantry to donate to the food shelf.