

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

Out of your great love, O God, you have given us your law. Through your love, you seek to protect us all with your law. Through your love, you seek to remind us of our need for you with your law. Forgive us when we falter, and help us to be a blessing to others as we keep your law. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** Name one thing you did today that was fun. Name one thing you did that was not so fun.
- ❓ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** God's commandments are all about loving God and loving our neighbors. Can you name one way that you expressed love to God today? What about with your neighbor, friends, and family?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Ruth follows and helps her mother-in-law, Naomi, and in the end they become good friends. Who was a good friend towards you today? What did you do together?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Using a map, pray for different parts of the world by naming different countries each day.

CLOSING

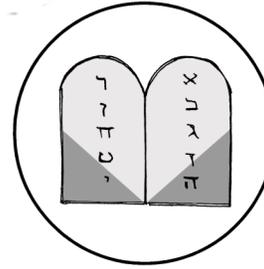
✠ If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.

✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

Mark one another with the sign of the cross on each other's hands or forehead, and say, "May you be a keeper of God's love each and every day. Amen."

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Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

- Deuteronomy 6:5

MEALTIME PRAYER

Help us, dear God, to love you with every fiber of our beings. Give us food for strength and rest for the soul and be with 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	Deuteronomy 6:4-9	Love the Lord Your God
Monday	Exodus 32:1-14	The Golden Calf
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 15:7-11	Help Those in Need
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 16:18-20	Pursue Justice
Thursday	Deuteronomy 17:14-20	What Makes a Good King
Friday	Deuteronomy 24:17-22	Care for the Vulnerable
Saturday	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	The First Fruits
Sunday	Ruth 1:1-17	Ruth Follows Naomi

*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.

Be a secret helper to someone in your family by either doing their chores, helping them with a project, or making them a card.