

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

Lord God, Ruth's faithfulness to Naomi reminds us of your faithfulness to us. Show us your love through the love of others. Help us be that love to one another. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** Name one happy thing you did with someone today. Name one sad thing that happened.
- ❓ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** The beautiful story of Ruth and Naomi is one of an amazing friendship. Each day this week, share how you were able to be a friend to someone. Or, share how someone was a friend to you.
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Kings are supposed to help and love the people in their kingdom. How did you show love and kindness to the people in your family 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, I am thankful for the friendship I have with [name on person]. 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, "May you share your love and friendship with others today. Amen."

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Ruth 1:1-17



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, and your God my God."
- Ruth 1:16

MEALTIME PRAYER

We follow you, God, and you provide for us food and water. We follow you, God, and you provide us with lodging and sleep. We follow you, God, and you provide us with what we need. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Ruth 1:1-17	Ruth Follows Naomi
Monday	1 Samuel 16:1-13	David Is Anointed
Tuesday	1 Samuel 18:1-5	David and Jonathon
Wednesday	1 Samuel 18:6-16	David's Success, Saul's Jealousy
Thursday	1 Samuel 24:1-7	David Spares Saul
Friday	1 Samuel 24:8-15	David Speaks to Saul
Saturday	1 Samuel 24:16-22	Saul Replies
Sunday	2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5 Psalm 150	David Becomes King

*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.

Write a note or card, email or text message to someone who has been a friend to you. Tell that person what their friendship means to you. Thank them. How might you respond if you received a note or card like that?