

## 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

Holy God, We thank and praise you for all that you are, for your exceeding greatness, and for your love for us and all creation! Be with us this day, and every day, because it is in you we live and move and have our being. Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** Name one thing that happened today that made you say "Hallelujah!" (Praise God!). Name one thing that happened today that made you say "Oh no!"
- ❓ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** God anoints David as the king of Israel. Psalm 150 was written by David in praise of God for all that God had done for him and for Israel. What is one way you can praise God today? Say a prayer? Sing a song to God? Show love to someone?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** The people of Israel argued amongst themselves, and then divided into two kingdoms: Israel in the north and Judah in the south. Did you get in an argument today with someone? What happened? How did you resolve it?

### 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 say a prayer, and then at the end of the prayers the group says "Hallelujah."

### CLOSING

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

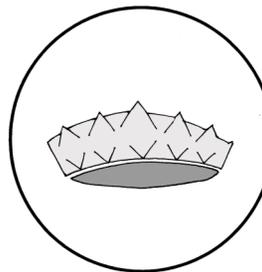
#### ✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

*Mark one another with the sign of the cross on each other's hands or forehead, and say, "May you be an 'Hallelujah' to God in all that you say and do! Amen."*

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2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5; Psalm 150



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

The LORD said to [David]: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel."

- 2 Samuel 5:2

### MEALTIME PRAYER

God, you care for your people with the loving arms of a shepherd. You provide for your sheep with all that we need: food and water, rest and sleep, and your great love for us, O Lord. Amen.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What makes sense in the story? What questions do you have?***

Sunday	2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5 Psalm 150	David Becomes King
Monday	1 Kings 2:1-4	David Instructs Solomon
Tuesday	1 Kings 3:3-14	The Source of Solomon's Wisdom
Wednesday	1 Kings 3:16-28	Solomon Solves a Dispute
Thursday	1 Kings 4:29-34	Solomon's Fame
Friday	1 Kings 9:1-19	The LORD Speaks to Solomon Again
Saturday	1 Kings 11:1-13	Solomon's Fall from Faithfulness
Sunday	1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29	The Kingdom Divided

*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.*

Each day this week, pay someone a compliment. Give them some praise for their place in your life.