

## 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, when there is drought, send us rain. When there is distance, come close to us. When there is any doubt or disbelief on our part, show up in our lives through your daily dose of love. Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** Name one thing that you loved about today. Name one thing that you did not love.
- ❓ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** This week's story is about a contest between God's prophet Elijah and the false prophets of the idol, Baal. God wanted the people to follow God, not Baal! How did you follow God today? Was it hard to do?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Next week's story is about when Hosea, a prophet, tells about God's love for the people. What is one way you could share God's love to someone today? Might it be when you were with your family or with a friend?

### DAILY BIBLE READING

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

### PRAY TOGETHER

✠ High-five each other, and say: "God, love us each and everyday. 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, "Know that you are named and claimed by God as God's own. Amen."*

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1 Kings 18:[17-19] 20-39



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "The LORD indeed is God; the LORD indeed is God."

- 1 Kings 18:39

### MEALTIME PRAYER

God of all things good, of all things bountiful, and of all things loving. You bless us with goodness and mercy, with food and water, and with love and life. Amen.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What makes sense in the story? Where are the gaps in the story?***

Sunday	1 Kings 18:[17-19] 20-39	Fire from Heaven
Monday	1 Kings 18:41-46	The Drought Ends
Tuesday	1 Kings 19:1-8	Elijah on the Run
Wednesday	1 Kings 19:9-18	Elijah at Mount Horeb
Thursday	1 Kings 19:19-21	Elijah and Elisha
Friday	2 Kings 1:1-8	Elijah and Ahaziah
Saturday	2 Kings 1:9-17	More Fire from Heaven
Sunday	Hosea 11:1-9	God's Beloved Children

*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.*

Have a yard clean up day to pick up sticks and rake leaves either in your yard, offer to help a neighbor, or provide a clean up at church.