

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, your son Jesus is transfigured, revealing his power and glory. We thank you and praise you for giving us Jesus whom we can see and approach. Help us to trust in your power as we seek to follow our teacher, Jesus Christ. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** Name one thing that changed for the better today. Name one thing that changed for the worse.
- ❓ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** In this week's reading Jesus asks the disciples who they say Jesus is. Who do you say Jesus is? Jesus is love? Jesus is joy? Jesus is peace? How did you see Jesus in others today?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus teaches that to follow him means to share what we have with others. How did you share with others 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

✠ Hold hands and have everyone pray silently to themselves. Close the prayer with "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, "You are God's beloved child. Go, knowing God is with you. Amen."

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Mark 8:27—9:8



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

[Jesus] asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah."

- Mark 8:29

MEALTIME PRAYER

You are the provider of all good things, God. You provide us with food, with faith, and with fellowship. Help us this day to have hearts full of gratitude for who you are in our lives. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What did you learn about God from each story?***

Sunday	Mark 9:1-8	Transfiguration
Monday	Mark 9:9-13	Elijah Has Come
Tuesday	Mark 9:14-29	Healing a Possessed Child
Wednesday	Mark 9:30-37	Who Is the Greatest?
Thursday	Mark 9:38-50	Helping Other Followers
Friday	Mark 10:1-12	A Teaching on Divorce
Saturday	Mark 10:13-16	Jesus Blesses Children
Sunday	Mark 10:17-22	Jesus and the Rich Man

*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.

Go through your closets and take out three articles of clothing you no longer need. Donate your items to a charity of your choice.