

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, you call each of us to follow the ways of your Son, Jesus Christ. Now, we call on you to give us the strength, the love, the care, and the joy to be your witnesses in a world that so desperately needs you. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** What was the low of the day? What was the high of the day?
- ❓ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Jesus told the rich man to sell everything he had and give his money to the poor. What is one thing you could give away today to someone for free? A smile? A hug? A sandwich? A granola bar? A high-five?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus talks about what it means to serve one another. Can you think of one thing you could do today to serve someone in your family? Help with the dishes? Serve dinner? Set the table?

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 finish this prayer: Dear God, you give us so much, like [name one thing God has given you]. Help us to share what we have with [name one person.] Amen.

CLOSING

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

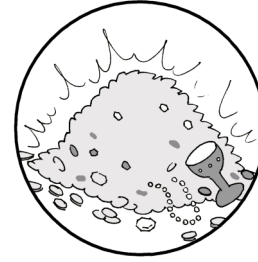
✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

Mark one another with the sign of the cross on each other's hands or forehead, and say, "Share God's love with everyone you meet. Amen."

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Mark 10:17-31



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

[Jesus said] "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor...then come, follow me."

- Mark 10:21

MEALTIME PRAYER

With joy we run to you, O God, to be received in your grace and to feast at your table. When we have much, help us to share our abundance with others. With your love, continue to call us to follow you. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **How do the people in each story respond to God's word?***

Sunday	Mark 10:17-22	Jesus and the Rich Man
Monday	Exodus 20:12-16	Commandments to Live By
Tuesday	Mark 10:23-27	Entering God's Kingdom
Wednesday	1 Timothy 6:6-10	The Love of Money
Thursday	Mark 10:28-31	Eternal Life to Come
Friday	Romans 8:18-25	Present Sufferings, Future Glory
Saturday	Mark 10:32-34	On the Road to Jerusalem
Sunday	Mark 10:35-45	Jesus Came to Serve

*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.

Collect spare change in a jar this week, and then donate your change to an organization of your choice.