

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

Gracious God, you came to earth to serve humanity, the people you created. You healed the sick and gave sight to the blind. You loved children and formed disciples. You set before us an example to follow, and so now give us a heart for service and a love to share. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** Name one thing that made you chuckle today. Name one thing that made you cry.
- ❓ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Jesus tells the disciples that he came to serve God's people, and then he does it! He heals a blind man. How did someone show love and care for you today? How did someone do the opposite? How did you show love to someone? How did you fail to show love to someone?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus talks about being rejected by the religious leaders. Sometimes we can feel rejected, too. Did you have this feeling today? Why?

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, Teach me to serve and follow you. Help me to love [name one person] each and every day. 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 each other's hands, and say, "Jesus is calling you to help and care for others. Amen."

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Mark 10:32-52



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

- Mark 10:45

MEALTIME PRAYER

You came, Lord Jesus, not to be served but to serve others with love and care. Thank you for the hands that prepared and served this meal for us today. Help us to use our hands to serve others with love. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What do you find interesting in each story?***

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| Sunday | Mark 10:35-45 | Jesus Came to Serve |
| Monday | Mark 10:46-52 | Blind Beggar at the Roadside |
| Tuesday | Mark 11:12-19 | A Fig Tree and the Temple |
| Wednesday | Mark 11:20-25 | The Power of Prayer |
| Thursday | Mark 11:27-33 | A Question of Authority |
| Friday | Mark 12:1-12 [13-17] | The Parable of the Wicked Tenants |
| Saturday | Psalms 118:21-26 | The Chief Cornerstone |
| Sunday | Mark 12:13-17 | Taxes to the Emperor |

*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.

One night during the week turn off all devices and cook a meal together as a household. When the food is ready, serve one another.