

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

Loving God—Keep us safe in our hometowns, the places we live and the places we visit. Keep us close so that we can be ever-mindful of your love for us. Keep us together so that we can strengthen our relationships within our families, with our neighbors, and with those we meet on the streets. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ? **Highs and Lows:** Name one way that you felt accepted today. Name one way that you felt rejected.
- ? **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Jesus begins his ministry with teaching and preaching in the synagogues. People were happy to hear the stories of Jesus except those in his hometown; they sent him away. Why do you think they did that? Do you like where you live? What do you like best about your hometown?
- ? **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** It's a fishing story! Jesus calls the first disciples, who were fishermen, to follow him. Have you ever been fishing? What did you catch?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Play a game of knots. Once done, continue holding hands and say the Lord's prayer together.

CLOSING

- ✠ If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.
- ✠ **Rituals and Traditions: A Blessing to Share**
Lock arms, and say, "You have created and blessed us with strong arms, and so we ready to embrace others in love. Amen."

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Luke 4:14-30



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. —Luke 4:14-15.

MEALTIME PRAYER

Bless the food you have provided. Bless the people in our midst. Bless the love that intertwines us. Bless the world you have begun. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*Ask yourself as you read: **What is Jesus called do? What does Jesus call you to do?***

Sunday	Luke 4:14-30	Jesus' Mission is Revealed
Monday	Isaiah 58:6-10	Loosing Bonds of Injustice
Tuesday	1 Kings 17:8-14	Elijah and the Widow
Wednesday	2 Kings 5:1-17	The Healing of Naaman
Thursday	Luke 4:31-37	The Man with the Unclean Spirit
Friday	Luke 4:38-41	Healings at Simon's House
Saturday	Luke 4:42-44	Jesus Preaches in the Synagogues
Sunday	Luke 5:1-11	Jesus is Revealed to Fishermen

*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.

Plan a special evening at home with the ones you love: eat dinner together, play a game or watch a movie.