

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

Gentle God—Open our hearts so that we can hear your voice. Call out to us so that we can drop what we are doing to answer. Lead us to where you need us to go. Be with us as we engage one another. Help us to trust in your Spirit. And love us when we fail. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ? **Highs and Lows:** What is was the biggest catch for today? What is something that got tangled up in nets?
- ? **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Jesus helped the fishermen catch many fish in their nets. The fishermen were so amazed that they became disciples, left everything they had and followed Jesus. What would it be like to leave your house, your bed, your friends, your family to follow Jesus? Would this be easy or hard to do?
- ? **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus redefines the meaning of the Sabbath day, on what people can or cannot do on that day. What day is Sabbath for you? What do you do on that day?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Think of each other's highs and lows. Use them to pray for each other.

CLOSING

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

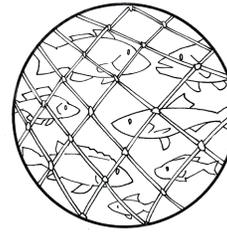
✠ Rituals and Traditions: A Blessing to Share

Give each other a high five, and say, "You have been called to follow Jesus. Go love and care for others. Amen."

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Luke 5:1-11



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him. —Luke 5:10b-11.

MEALTIME PRAYER

God of Abundance—From my the depths of the sea, we eat from your bounty. From the fields of the farmer, we eat from your goodness. From the fruits of the tree, we eat from your sweetness. Thank you for everything. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

A question to ask as you read: What miracles does Jesus perform? What everyday miracles do you notice in your life?

Sunday	Luke 5:1-11	Jesus is Revealed to Fishermen
Monday	Isaiah 6:1-18	A Vision of God in the Temple
Tuesday	Luke 5:12-16	Jesus Cleanses a Leper
Wednesday	Luke 5:17-26	Jesus Heals a Paralytic
Thursday	Philippians 2:1-11	Imitating and Responding to Christ
Friday	Luke 5:27-32	Jesus Calls Levi
Saturday	Luke 5:33-39	The Question About Fasting
Sunday	Luke 6:1-16	Jesus Revealed as Lord of the Sabbath

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.

When at the grocery store, buy several cans of tuna and donate them to the food shelf.