

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

Creator God—You made the world in seven days. You called it all good, and on the last, you rested. We are so thankful to have a day of rest. It is a time that we can renew, refresh and rediscover our faith in you and a time to share everything good with one another. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ? **Highs and Lows:** What is something that gives you energy? What is something that drains you?
- ? **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Jesus shared a new understanding of how to use the Sabbath. It is not only a day of rest from work, but a time to engage others in service. Jesus then healed a man with a withered hand. How do you take a break from work? Do you understand your time spent with others as holy moments?
- ? **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus heals the sick and raises a young boy from the dead. He is declared a prophet sent by God to God's people. Who do you know who is sick? Who is in need of healing from God?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ With everyone kneeling, say a prayer of thanks to God for the gift of faith and the gift of rest.

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

Hug each other, and say, "You have been created by God and God said it was good. Now go and serve one another with grace. Amen."

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Luke 6:1-16



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?" —Luke 6:9.

MEALTIME PRAYER

As we gather around this grateful table, give us our daily bread, O God. As we gather around this heartfelt table, give us our daily bread, O God. As we gather around this thankful table, give us our daily bread, O God. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Something to ponder as you read: In these stories, what is Jesus teaching you?

Sunday	Luke 6:1-16	Jesus Revealed as Lord of the Sabbath
Monday	Deuteronomy 5:12-15	Keeping the Sabbath
Tuesday	Luke 16:17-19	Jesus Touches and Heals
Wednesday	Luke 6:20-26	Blessings and Woes
Thursday	Luke 6:27-36	Love for Enemies
Friday	Luke 6:37-45	Judging Others
Saturday	Luke 6:46-49	The Two Foundations
Sunday	Luke 7:1-17	Healing the Sick and Raising the Dead

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.

On Sunday (or a different day), take a true Sabbath. Rest, play, and enjoy your family, be in service to one another.