

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

Listening God, give us your ear. Hear the cries of your people: For those who are hungry, give them food. For those who are thirsty, give them water. For those who are tired, give them rest. For those who are sick, give them healing. For those who are enslaved, give them freedom. Hear the cries of your people. 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 made your heart happy today? What is something that made your heart sad?
- ? **Thinking About This Week's Story:** On the mountain with Peter, James and John, Jesus was seen in full glory. And God revealed to the disciples that Jesus was his son, and that they should listen to him. How do you listen for Jesus in your daily life?
- ? **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan and visits with Mary and Martha, two beloved friends. Both stories share the spirit of helping others. What do you do to help other people?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

- ✠ Do a High and Low Prayer. Split your family in two: one group write prayers using everyone's highs and the other group use the lows. Once done, say the prayers out loud together.

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 the sign of the cross on each other's ears and say, "Blessed are you who have ears to hear so listen to Jesus today. Amen."

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Luke 9:28-45



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" —Luke 9:35

MEALTIME PRAYER

Help us to listen to your word, Dear God. Open my ears to hear and my eyes to see, all that is good in front of me. Feed my soul with your tender care and feed my heart with your love so I can share you with people everywhere. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*Listen as you read: **What do you hear God saying in each of these stories?***

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| Sunday | Luke 9:28-45 | Transfiguration and Healing |
| Monday | Malachi 4:4-6 | Advice for the Coming of the Lord |
| Tuesday | Luke 9:46-50 | True Greatness |
| Wednesday | Luke 9:51-62 | Jesus Sets His Face Towards Jerusalem |
| Thursday | Luke 10:1-12 | The Mission of the Seventy |
| Friday | Luke 10:17-20 | The Return of the Seventy |
| Saturday | Luke 10:21-24 | Jesus Rejoices |
| Sunday | Luke 10:25-42 | Only One Thing: The Samaritan and Mary and Martha |

*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.

Practice listening to each person in your family this week. Write down what you hear and use those concerns and joys as your daily prayers.