

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

God of all, we know that each and every one of us is made in your image. Help us be like Jesus, showing generosity to all people in all ways.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ? **Highs and Lows:** Talk about a time when you've been generous to someone and how it made you feel. When have you missed an opportunity to be generous?
- ? **Thinking About This Week's Story:** This week's story shows Jesus helping disciples understand what they must do to follow him. What have you had to give up to follow Jesus? What blessings have you received from following him?
- ? **Getting ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus reminds us that we should help those who are lost. When have you needed to help someone find their way?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Break into groups of two or three and pray for one another. Ask each other what they may want prayer for, and use the prayer time to encourage one another.

CLOSING

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

✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

Ask the group to join hands with one another. Have each individual speak aloud which God-like quality they possess that they will use to encourage others this week.

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Luke 13:1-9, 31-35



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."
—Luke 14:27

MEALTIME PRAYER

Loving God, we give you all the praise for all you have blessed us with. We pray right now for all those who are hungry and that you would bless them with fresh manna for their bodies and their souls. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*Filling in the gaps. A question to ask as you read: **Jesus encourages us to be kind to all people—especially those who are or considered "the other."** What can you do in your life to live this out?*

Monday	Luke 13:10-17	The Bent Over Woman is Healed
Tuesday	Luke 13:18-30	Mustard Seed Beginnings
Wednesday	Luke 14:1-6	Healing on the Sabbath
Thursday	Luke 14:7-14	The Last Shall Be First
Friday	Luke 14:15-24	Sharing Abundance
Saturday	Luke 14:25-33	Carry Your Cross and Follow

*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.

Commit to doing one random act of kindness for a stranger every week. Try paying for the car behind you in line at a drive-up window or help a neighbor with yard work.