

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

Lord of All, we thank you for all that you have given to us. Let us follow your example of generosity by being loving and kind to others.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ? **Highs and Lows:** In Luke, Jesus heals ten men with leprosy, yet only one comes back to thank him. Think about something amazing God has done for you that others may not appreciate in the same way. What in your life could you appreciate more?
- ? **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Jesus told the rich man that he had to give away all of his money in order to have eternal life. What do you need to give away or give up in your life to better serve God?
- ? **Getting ready for Next Week's Story:** At offering time, the rich people tossed their gifts into the offering box. The poor widow gave all of the money she had. Are you willing to give God everything you have? At work? At home? With all things?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Go around a circle and have each person give a blessing to the person on their right.

CLOSING

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

✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

Say this prayer in unison, "May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and grant you perfect peace."

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Luke 16:19-31



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"You cannot be the slave of two masters. You will like one more than the other or be more loyal to one than the other. You cannot serve two masters." —Luke 16:13

MEALTIME PRAYER

Holy One of All, we give you honor, glory and praise. We know that through you, all things are possible; that there isn't anything you cannot do! We are so grateful for your abounding love and grace.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*Filling in the gaps. A question to ask as you read: **There are many beginnings and endings in this week's readings. How can we be more open to the changing seasons of life?***

Monday	Luke 16:1-13	A Dishonest Manager
Tuesday	Luke 16:14-18	Jesus Talks About the Law
Wednesday	Luke 17:11-19	Ten With Leprosy Healed
Thursday	Luke 18:1-14	Prayer and Protection
Friday	Luke 18:15-17	Let the Children Come
Saturday	Luke 18:18-30	The Eye of a Needle

*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.

Go to a local coffee shop or restaurant and sit at a table with a sign that says, "Want Prayer?" This will truly bless those who are in the need of prayer!