

## 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

Precious Lord, although we have the Bible as a resource to assist us in modeling ourselves after you, we sometimes fall short. Be with us this week as we continue on our walk with you. Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ? **Highs and Lows:** In this week's scripture, a ruler gives his servants money. How have you used the gifts that God has given you? Is there a gift you have that you could appreciate more?
- ? **Thinking About This Week's Story:** In Luke 20, Jesus encourages the men to give God what already belongs to him. What cares can you cast on God that he can help you with?
- ? **Getting ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus told his disciples that the time of his death was coming near. If you knew that you only had a certain amount of time left to live, what would you do differently?

### DAILY BIBLE READING

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

### PRAY TOGETHER

✠ After a brief time of silent meditation, break into small groups and ask what people would like prayer for. Pray for one another in the group.

### 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 watch between me and thee, as we become absent, one from another."

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Luke 18:31-19:10



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"And he said, 'I tell you that this poor woman has put in more than all the others. Everyone else gave what they didn't need. But she is very poor and gave everything she had.'" —Luke 21:34

### MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord of all creation, we give you all praises. May we give you our all—mind, body and spirit—without hesitation, but with great joy. Amen.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Filling in the gaps. A question to ask as you read: In the parable of the widow's offering, she gives all that she has willingly. How can you strive to be like her?

Monday	Luke 19: 11-27	The Ten Pound Parable
Tuesday	Luke 20:1-8	Jesus Speaks of Authority
Wednesday	Luke 20:9-19	Wicked Vineyard Renters
Thursday	Luke 20: 20-26	On Paying Taxes
Friday	Luke 20:27-40	A Look Into the Future
Saturday	Luke 21:1-4	The Widow's Offering

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.

Gather together everything you are not using from all of your families' closets and take them to a thrift store. These items will be a blessing to someone else!