

## 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 you have created everything we see, smell, taste and touch. Remind us this week that we can do all things through your power, strength and everlasting love.

### CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ? **Highs and Lows:** Life is filled with beginnings and endings. What is something in your life that is ending? What is something in your life that is just beginning?
- ? **Thinking About This Week's Story:** This week's scripture talks about endurance. Walking with Jesus has its ups and downs. What you have learned over the time you've been a Christian?
- ? **Getting ready for Next Week's Story:** In next week's text, the women were surprised to find Jesus's tomb empty, even though he told them it would happen. Think about the promises he has made to us that we haven't believed, yet actually happened.

### 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 and talk about a surprise blessing you've received. At the end, of each person's testimony, everyone say aloud, "Thanks be to the Most High God!"

### CLOSING

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

#### ✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

*Stand in the group, hold hands and each persona say to the person on their right, "God is the Alpha and Omega. Worry no more!"*

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Luke 19:29-44



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"In your endurance you will gain your souls." —Luke 21:19

### MEALTIME PRAYER

Heavenly God, we're so thankful that we are able to fellowship together over this meal. May we understand that walking with you may not always be easy and may we remember that you will never leave us.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*Filling in the gaps. A question to ask as you read: In the Scriptures, Jesus tells the disciples that the end is near in order for them to prepare. What do you need to prepare in order to be ready for your future?*

Monday	Luke 19: 45-48	Jesus Flips Tables
Tuesday	Luke 21:5-18	The End Times
Wednesday	Luke 21:25-38	He Will Come Again
Thursday	Luke 22:1-27	The Last Supper
Friday	Luke 23:32-47	The Crucifixion
Saturday	Luke 23:44-56	The Death of Jesus

*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.*

Focus on making a set of long and short-term goals with each other. Be sure to check in on each other's progress from time to time.