

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

Sending God, You call us by name, and we want to serve others. You ask us to serve, and we share what we have. You lead us by example, and we want to love our neighbors. Help us as we serve, share and love. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ? **Highs and Lows:** Name one thing that happened today that seemed magical.
Name one thing that happened today that seemed boring.
- ? **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Isaiah encountered God in the temple. God asked Isaiah if he would be God's messenger to Israel. Isaiah responded with enthusiasm: "Send me!" Have you ever had to deliver a message for someone? How did you respond? What was the message?
- ? **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** God makes a new promise with the people to help them remember to put God first in everything they do. How do you put God first in your life?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ With the candle lit, turn off the lights. While focusing on the candle, say a silent prayer.

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 one another with the sign of the cross on each other's feet and say, "You are loved by God, and wherever these feet go God goes with you."

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Isaiah 6:1-8



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" —Isaiah 6:8.

MEALTIME PRAYER

Send us out, O God, but let us eat our fill. Send us out, O God, but let us thirst no more. Send us out, O God, into this world we go. Send us out, O God, to live, learn, and grow. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

As you read, ask yourself: What is God doing in each story? Do you see any actions in the stories that repeat history?

Sunday	Isaiah 6:1-8	A Vision of God in the Temple
Monday	Isaiah 11:1-9	A Peaceful Kingdom
Tuesday	Isaiah 25:1-10a	Praise from Deliverance of Oppression
Wednesday	Isaiah 38:1-8	Hezekiah's Illness
Thursday	Isaiah 44:1-8	God Blesses Israel
Friday	Jeremiah 1:4-10	God Calls Jeremiah
Saturday	2 Kings 23:1-3, 21-25	Josiah's Reforms
Sunday	Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34	God Speaks Through Jeremiah: A New Covenant

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.

Make care kits for the car that include a pair of socks, gloves, and a granola bar. When you see someone in need, give them a care kit.