

## 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 Law, help us to remember the rules, and help us to follow them. God of Love, help us to love you, and help us to love others as ourselves. We are your people and know that your laws come from your love for us. Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ? **Highs and Lows:** What is something that you loved about today? What is something that was not so loving about today?
- ? **Thinking About This Week's Story:** God made a new promise with the people so they would not forget God. To make sure that the people knew the rules, God wrote them down for them on a scroll and on their hearts. What rules does God want us to remember? What rules do you think are the most important?
- ? **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Daniel finds himself in trouble, and he gets locked up in the lion's den. But Daniel has hope that God will save him. Have you ever been in a scary spot? How did you get through it?

### 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 in a circle and pray for one rule that you need help following.

### CLOSING

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

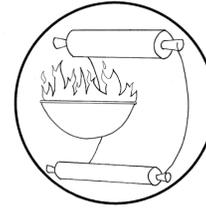
#### ✚ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

*Using your fingers, make a cross and say, "You have been crossed by the love of God forever. Amen."*

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Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. —Jeremiah 31:34.

### MEALTIME PRAYER

God of the People, You put your word on our hearts and food in our bodies. Help us, then Lord, so we can be about your service and love in the lives we lead. Amen.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*Something to ponder as you read: **What are the people doing in comparison to what God is doing in the stories?***

Sunday	Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34	God Speaks Through Jeremiah: A New Covenant
Monday	Jeremiah 39:11-19	Jeremiah is Set Free
Tuesday	Jeremiah 42:7-16	Jeremiah Advises the People to Stay
Wednesday	Jeremiah 44:1-10	The People Still Worship Idols
Thursday	Daniel 1:1-17	Israelites in the Babylonian Court
Friday	Daniel 3:1-18	The Golden Image
Saturday	Daniel 5:1-8, 13-16, 23-28	Daniel Interprets the Writing on the Wall
Sunday	Daniel 6:6-27	Hope in the Midst of the Lion's Den

*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 a list of the house rules, and put them on the fridge front and center. Let them be a reminder to you of how we are to be in service to one another.