

## 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 the heavens, who made the sea and dry land, and everything in it, please help all of creation to follow you. Even when we want to runaway from our problems, like Jonah, lead us with a gentle hand. Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ? **Highs & Lows:** What is one thing that you were happy *not* to miss today? What is one thing that made you want to runaway?
- ? **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Jonah tried to hide from God. He did not want to go to Nineveh and tell the people to repent. But God found Jonah, and next time he followed God. It's not always easy to follow God! Can you think of a time when you tried to do what's right and failed? Luckily, we have a God that loves us no matter what!
- ? **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** The prophet, Isaiah, stumbles into the temple of God and encounters an amazing experience. Can you think of a time when you encountered God in worship? What do you remember? How did it make you feel?

### DAILY BIBLE READING

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

### PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Jesus taught his people to pray the Lord's Prayer whenever and wherever they found themselves. Pray the Lord's Prayer together.

### CLOSING

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

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

*Pat your bellies, and say, "As God was with Jonah in the belly of a fish, God will be with you wherever you go. Amen."*

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Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10 [4:1-11]



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"I am a Hebrew," [Jonah] replied. "I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." —Jonah 1:9.

### MEALTIME PRAYER

From the fish of the sea to the grains of wheat, thank you, God, for everything that is good to eat. With our bellies fed and hearts warmed, be with us God, through life's storm. Amen.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you sink yourself into the stories of the week, ask yourself: **What would it be like to encounter God? To see and hear God's voice right in front of us?***

Sunday	Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10 [4:1-11]	Jonah: Finding God in the Belly of a Fish
Monday	Jonah 1	Jonah Tries to Run from God
Tuesday	Jonah 3	Conversion of Nineveh
Wednesday	Jonah 4	Jonah's Anger
Thursday	Exodus 33:7-23	Moses Sees God
Friday	Exodus 40:18-34	Moses Sets Up the Tabernacle
Saturday	Exodus 40:34-38	The Glory of the Lord
Sunday	Isaiah 6:1-8	A Vision of God in the Temple

*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.*

Rake leaves, winterize the yard, or clean up the sidewalk by your home.