

DEVOTIONS

Think about devotions 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, we sing to you songs of praise, knowing that we have been freed from the troubles of this world. Your Son, Jesus Christ has liberated our minds and removed the shackles from our hearts so that we are able to share your love with everyone. 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 made you sing praises today? What is one thing that made you sad?
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Paul and Silas are imprisoned for spreading the good news. While there, they sing their way through an earthquake. The jailer, who scared for his life, learns about the love of Jesus from Paul. When was a time today that you were afraid? What did you do?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Paul travels to the city of Athens and speaks with the people there. Many disagree with him. When have you agreed with someone today? When have you disagreed?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Sit or stand in a circle, and pray for those who are imprisoned that they might find liberty and freedom in Jesus Christ.

CLOSING

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

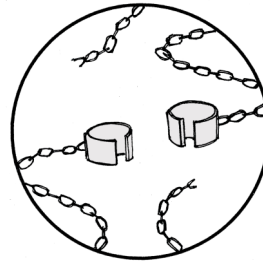
✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

With permission, hold each other's hands, and say, "God frees you from all sins. Amen."

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Acts 16:16-34



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

— Acts 16:31

MEALTIME PRAYER

We call on your name, dear Jesus, to come and dine with us. We give you thanks for all you have given us. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

One question to ponder this week as you read: **How does God's word change who you are from the inside out?**

Sunday	Acts 16:16-34	Paul and Silas in Prison
Monday	Acts 16:35-40	Paul Released from Jail
Tuesday	Acts 10:1-23	Conversion of Cornelius, Part 1
Wednesday	Acts 10:24-33	Conversion of Cornelius, Part 2
Thursday	Acts 10:34-48	Conversion of Cornelius, Part 3
Friday	Acts 17:1-9	Paul Goes to Thessalonica
Saturday	Acts 17:10-15	Paul Goes to Berea
Sunday	Acts 17:16-31	Paul in Athens

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.

Using a hymnal or online search, find your favorite hymn or praise song. Sing together or alone a song of praise. Once done, talk together or journal on how singing impacts your mood and positive energy.