

## 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

Jesus, you are the king of all creation, but you humbled yourself to serve the world you love. Grant us humble hearts to serve those around us. Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATION

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

- 🔍 **Highs & Lows:** Where have you found joy today? What has brought you sadness?
- 🔍 **Thinking about This Week's Story:** This week, Paul is writing about being humble and loving like Jesus. When did you see love in action today? When was love missing?
- 🔍 **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** When the Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost, everyone is amazed to hear the good news in their own language. What is something that you heard today that was amazing? What was something that you heard that was troubling?

### DAILY BIBLE READING

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

### PRAY TOGETHER

✚ Pray for leaders today, including parents, teachers, supervisors, influential people, and government officials. Pray that they serve with humble hearts and are blessed.

### CLOSING

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

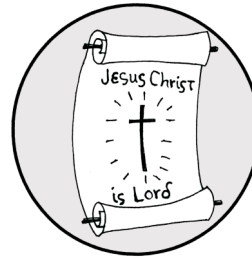
#### ✚ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

With permission, mark one another with the sign of the cross each other's hands or forehead, and say, "Love others as Jesus loves you. Amen."

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Philippians 2:1-13



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

—Philippians 2:8

### MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord of All, thank you for the food before us, and thank you for all of the people who helped this food get from the field to our table. Strengthen us to humbly serve others. Amen.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

As you read this week, ask yourself: **What is Paul talking about in this letter? What connection can you make to your life?**

Sunday	Philippians 2:1-13	Living Like Jesus
Monday	Philippians 2:14-18	Paul Rejoices
Tuesday	Philippians 2:19–3:1	Paul Sends Timothy
Wednesday	Philippians 3:2-7	Paul's Recounting of His Story
Thursday	Philippians 3:8-16	The Power of Christ's Resurrection
Friday	Philippians 3:17–4:1	Paul Exhorts the Philippians
Saturday	Philippians 4:10-20	Paul's Farewell
Sunday	Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7	The Holy Spirit

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.

As you go through your week, find small ways to serve each other. If the one you are serving sees you, give a quick bow and say, "Your humble servant."