

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 of the story, you kept Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Moses, and the children of Israel safe through flood and wilderness. You have made promises to us to do the same. Help us to see you. Help us to serve you. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** What's the best thing that happened with your family today? What was one thing that did not go well?
- ❓ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Read the Scripture verse for the week. Can you name one way someone in your family served you today? Did someone make you breakfast? Or a cup a coffee? Read you a story? How does it feel to be served?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Psalm 51 gives us a glimpse into David's heart as he seeks new life after what he has done and needs forgiveness. How about your heart? Did you forgive someone today? Or did someone forgive you?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Dear God (point up), You love me (point to self). You love my family (point to each other). Help us to serve one another with love. Amen.

CLOSING

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

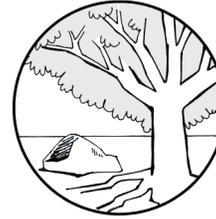
✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

With permission, mark one another with the sign of the cross on the forehead, and say, "Choose this day whom you will serve. As for me and our house, we will serve the Lord. Amen."

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Joshua 24:1-15 [16-26]



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

- Joshua 24:15

MEALTIME PRAYER

You give us good food to eat, dear God. You give us water to quench our thirst. You give us everything we need for our daily lives together. We ask that you continue to love and provide for us. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Something to consider as you read: **What are the people doing in each story? What is God doing in each story?**

Sunday	Joshua 24:1-15 [16-26]	Joshua Serves God
Monday	1 Samuel 16:1-13	David is Anointed by Samuel
Tuesday	1 Samuel 17:1-11	David and Goliath, Part 1
Wednesday	1 Samuel 17:12-30	David and Goliath, Part 2
Thursday	1 Samuel 17:31-54	David and Goliath, Part 3
Friday	2 Samuel 11:1-13	King David Abuses His Power
Saturday	2 Samuel 11:14-27	David's Sins Spiral Out of Control
Sunday	2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9	Nathan and King David

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 things that your household could do serve one another. Ideas could include helping with chores, making a meal, or assisting with homework. Have each person choose one to do during the week.