

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, you are love. You have chosen us to be about your love in the world. Mold us by your love, and shape us by your Word. And help us to share both. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

❓ **Highs & Lows:** What made you happy today? What made you sad today?

❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** The Ten Commandments are not just rules to follow. God gave them to us so that we will know how to love God and love others. Name one way that you felt loved today. Name one way you shared your love with someone else.

❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Joshua gathered the Israelites and helped them review their story of how God has been with them since the beginning. God can be present in a sense of peace, joy, or happiness, the kindness of another person, or even a reminder to do the right thing. Can you name one way that you felt God's presence with you today?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✚ Create a top ten prayer list about who God is and what God can do. Pray through it today and then hang it on your fridge to remind you about God's love for you.

CLOSING

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

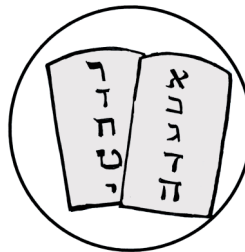
✚ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

With permission, mark one another with the sign of the cross each other's hands or forehead, and say, "You are God's treasured possession. Amen."

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Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"If you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples."

- Exodus 19:5

MEALTIME PRAYER

We seek you, God, to give you thanks. We thank you, God, for what you have given. From the food on this table to the water we drink, we give you thanks and praise. 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	Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17	The Ten Commandments
Monday	Leviticus 19:13-18	Rules for a Godly Community
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 6:1-9	Keep These Words
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	The Death of Moses
Thursday	Joshua 1:1-11	The Call of Joshua
Friday	Joshua 3:1-17	Joshua and Israel Cross the Jordan
Saturday	Joshua 4:1-9	Twelve Stones to Help Remember
Sunday	Joshua 24:1-15 [16-26]	Joshua Serves God

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.

The Ten Commandments teach us how to love God and love our neighbors. When we love our neighbors, we share God's love. What is one loving thing you could do for someone this week?