

## 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 invited your disciples to come to you, to see you as the Messiah, and to follow you and your ways. Now, in our lives, we seek to follow you in what we say and what we do. Help us to be faithful leaders bringing your love to the world.

Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ♀ **Highs & Lows:** Name one thing that you were called on to do today that got done. Name one thing that you were called on to do that did not get done.
- ♀ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Jesus invited the disciples to come and see what he was all about—to follow him. Who or what have you followed today, and was it positive or negative?
- ♀ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus wastes no time and sets out to start his ministry. With his first sign, Jesus turns water into wine at a wedding, starting to show people who he is. If someone was watching you today, what might they learn about you?

### DAILY BIBLE READING

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

### PRAY TOGETHER

† Pray together the Lord's Prayer with each person praying one petition (part or sentence) at a time. Each petition can be repeated as many times as there are people. Anyone still learning the prayer can repeat after a leader.

### 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, high five each person and call them by name, saying, "You have been called to follow Jesus. Amen."

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# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

They came and saw where [Jesus] was staying, and they remained with him that day.

- John 1:39

### MEALTIME PRAYER

Together, we gather around the table to eat our meal. Together, we gather around the table. Together, we gather. God, we gather to thank you for our daily food. Amen.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What is Jesus doing? What does Jesus want in each of these stories?**

Sunday	John 1:35-51	Come and See
Monday	Matthew 4:18-20	Simon and Andrew
Tuesday	Matthew 4:21-22	James and John
Wednesday	Matthew 9:9-13	Matthew's Call
Thursday	Matthew 9:35-38	Harvest Is Great, Laborers Are Few
Friday	Matthew 10:1-4	The Twelve Disciples
Saturday	Matthew 10:5-12	The Mission of the Twelve
Sunday	John 2:1-11	The Wedding at Cana

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.

Call an elderly parent, grandparent, or older friend. Remember to thank them for their guidance and love when you were growing up.