

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

Dear God, sometimes we have a difficult time understanding the promises you have made to us. Let us have eyes to see and ears to hear your truth. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** What made you sad or frustrated today? What made you happy?
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Nicodemus asked Jesus questions, but he had a hard time understanding Jesus' answers. What is one thing that felt difficult today? What was one thing that felt easy?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** In next week's story, Jesus talks with a woman by a well even though he was not "supposed" to. What was one thing you did that was uncomfortable? What was something you did that was typical?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

- ✦ At the end of your prayer time, recite together this verse from 2 Corinthians 13:14, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

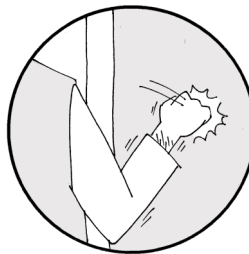
CLOSING

- ✦ 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 each other's hands or forehead, and say, "Go in _____ [for example, peace]."

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John 3:1-21



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

—John 3:16

MEALTIME PRAYER

God of love and light, we thank you for bringing us together to be in fellowship and to hear and discuss your Word. You are worthy to be praised! Amen!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What do we learn about Jesus from John's teachings and actions?**

Sunday	John 3:1-21	Nicodemus Visits Jesus
Monday	John 3:22-30	John the Baptist Preaches about Jesus
Tuesday	John 3:31-36	John's Continued Teachings
Wednesday	Luke 3:19-20	John Put in Prison
Thursday	Matthew 11:2-6	John Sends Messengers to Jesus
Friday	Matthew 11:7-15	John Is Elijah
Saturday	Matthew 11:16-19	Jesus Compares Himself to John
Sunday	John 4:1-26	The Woman at the Well

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.

Choose one or more people who you can visit this week, either in person or virtually, and do so.