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 grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. Amen. (The Serenity Prayer, written by American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr.)

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- **Highs & Lows:** Name one wise thing you did today. Name one thing you did today that was not wise.
- **Thinking about This Week's Story:** One thing Solomon had to do in the story was to make a difficult decision. Did you have to make a difficult decision today? How did you go about making that decision? Did anyone help you make that decision?
- **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** The prophet Elisha in this story heals a man named Naaman. How do you feel today? Do you know anyone who has been sick? What do you do when you feel sick?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

- Hold each other's hands to pray. One person starts the prayer, and then squeezes the hand of the person on their right. That is the cue for the next person to pray. Continue until the prayer circle is complete. Close together with "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 each other's hands or forehead, and say, **"May God grant you wisdom today and every day. Amen."**

The "Four Key Faith Practices"—Caring Conversations, Devotions, Service, and Rituals & Traditions—are a framework developed by the Rev. Dr. David Anderson. A brief description of the Four Keys is available at Milestones Ministry, LLC: https://milestonesministry.org/history-of-the-four-keys/.

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November 1, 2026 **1 Kings 3:4-28**



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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil."

- 1 Kings 3:9

MEALTIME PRAYER

We thank you, God, for the food we eat. We thank you, God, for what we drink. We thank you, God, for the people we know. We thank you, God, for the gift of life. 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	1 Kings 3:4-28	Solomon's Wisdom
Monday	1 Kings 4:20-28	Solomon's Great Kingdom
Tuesday	1 Kings 4:29-34	Solomon's Great Wisdom
Wednesday	Psalm 72:1-14	A Prayer for Israel's King
Thursday	Psalm 20:1-9	A Plea for God's Aid
Friday	1 Kings 11:1-13	Solomon Goes Astray
Saturday	1 Kings 12:1-24	The Kingdom Is Divided
Sunday	2 Kings 5:1-15a	Elisha Heals Naaman

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.

Identify a leader in your community, searching online if necessary. Pray that God gives them wisdom to make the right choices. Consider sending them a letter or email asking for their leadership on an issue that is important to you.

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