

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 guide our paths. We might not have seen the kind of power on display at the shores of the Red Sea. But, we have seen the kind of love you have displayed in Jesus. Help us to see your love in our lives. Help us to be that love for others.

Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** Name one thing that went well today. Name one thing that did not go so well today.
- ❓ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** The Israelites were being chased by the Egyptians. Sometimes it feels like we are being chased. Did you experience this today? On the playground? By a telephone call? At work? In the car? What did you do?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Name one commandment that was easy for you to keep today. Name one commandment that was hard to keep. (If needed, look up Exodus 20 or do an Internet search for a list of the Ten Commandments.)

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 my family [point to someone]. You love the world [point out a window or a door]. You love me [point to yourself]. 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, "May God's love rain on you today and everyday. Amen."

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Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today."

- Exodus 14:13

MEALTIME PRAYER

For the bounty of the earth, we praise you, God. For the water that springs forth to drink, we praise you, God. For this table filled with food and surrounded by family, we praise you, God.

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 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29	Parting of the Red Sea
Monday	Exodus 15:1-10	Moses' Song
Tuesday	Exodus 15:22-27	God Provides in the Wilderness
Wednesday	Exodus 16:1-16	More Provision: Manna and Quail
Thursday	Exodus 17:1-7	Water from the Rock
Friday	Exodus 17:8-16	Amalek is Defeated
Saturday	Exodus 19:1-25	Israel Arrives at Sinai
Sunday	Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17	The Ten Commandments

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.

Take a walk around some kind of water source (lake, beach, or river). Pick up any trash you see and dispose of it properly.