

DEVOTIONS

Think about devotions is 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 of Hope, stir within us love for your word and your commandments. Give us the love we need each and every day, so that we can love our neighbors, our families, and our friends. Help us to give all that we have to you and to our neighbors in need. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** What happened to you today that was a gift of love? What happened to you today that was not a gift of love?
- ❓ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Jesus tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Each day this week, fill in the blanks of this phrase: "God showed me love by _____, and I was able to give love today to _____."
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** What happened today that felt like time was standing still? What part of the day moved slowly?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Have each person say a prayer for someone who needs love. Once done, close together with "Amen."

CLOSING

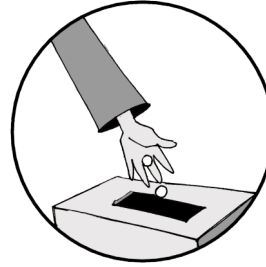
✠ If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.

✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

Mark one another with the sign of the cross each other's hands, and say, "You are a beloved child of God. Go and love others today! Amen."

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Mark 12:28-44



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"'You shall love the Lord your God'...[and]...'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

- Mark 12:30-31

MEALTIME PRAYER

Loving God, you give the best gifts. Thank you for the gift of food and drink, for the gift of friends and family, and most of the gift of your love. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What do you find interesting in each story?***

Sunday	Mark 12:41-44	The Widow's Gift
Monday	Mark 13:1-8	Wars and Rumors of Wars
Tuesday	Mark 13:9-13	Standing Before Governors and Kings
Wednesday	Mark 13:14-20	Hard Times to Come
Thursday	Daniel 11:29-35	A Desolating Sacrilege
Friday	Mark 13:21-23	False Messiahs
Saturday	Daniel 7:9-14	The Son of Man Has Dominion
Sunday	Mark 13:24-27	The Son of Man Comes

*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.

Collect your household's change in a bowl or jar for the week. At the end of the week, donate the change to church, to the food shelf, or any non-profit organization.