

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

Healer God—In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, you healed the man who could not walk. He immediately leapt up and praised you. Heal our hearts and bodies, too, that we may spring to life with joy and praise to you. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** What is one thing you saw today that brought you joy? What is one thing you saw today that was not joyful?
- ❓ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** The man who could not walk was healed by Peter. He immediately leapt with joy and praised God. How did you praise God today?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jason invites Paul and Silas into his home to learn about God's love. What is one thing you learned today?

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 finish this prayer: Dear God, thank you for [name one person you know is sick] Help them to feel better. 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 on each other's hands or forehead, and say, "You have been created with a loving heart. Go, help and care for others. Amen."

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Acts 3:1-10



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk."

- Acts 3:6

MEALTIME PRAYER

With this meal, O God, we give you thanks. Fill us with your goodness and love so that when we leave this table, we do so with joy and praise. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **How are God's people sharing God's love in each story?***

Sunday	Acts 3:1-10	Peter Heals
Monday	Acts 3:11-16	Peter Addresses the People
Tuesday	Acts 16:1-10	Paul's Mission Heads West
Wednesday	Acts 16:11-18	Encountering Lydia and a Slave Girl
Thursday	Acts 16:19-24	Paul and Silas Are Arrested
Friday	Acts 16:25-34	An Earthquake in Prison
Saturday	Acts 16:35-40	Paul and Silas Are Released
Sunday	Acts 17:1-9	The Church at Thessalonica

*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.

Donate any fabric you have to the quilters or purchase fleece fabric to make a no-sew tie quilt and give to the local homeless shelter.