

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, please strip away those things that divide our homes, our communities, our nation, and our world. We need your Spirit to surround us and bring us together. Unite us in your love. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** What made you laugh today? What made you angry today?
- ❓ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Paul makes friends with Aquila and Priscilla. He shares the good news about Jesus Christ with them and with the people in the synagogues. Did you show your love for your friends today? How?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Paul writes a letter to the church of Corinth to remind that it is God's love is the most important thing. How did you experience God's love 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 name one thing that brought them joy today. Give thanks to God for these beautiful moments.

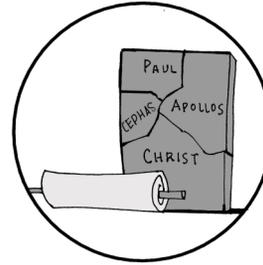
CLOSING

- ✠ 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, "May you know that the Lord loves you each and every day. Amen."

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Acts 18:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

- 1 Corinthians 1:18

MEALTIME PRAYER

With your love surrounding us, gracious God, we sup our dinner and sip our drinks. Thank you for this table that draws us together, and give us your grace each day. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What is the point of each story?***

Sunday	Acts 18:1-4	The Church at Corinth
Monday	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	An Appeal for Unity
Tuesday	Acts 18:5-11	Paul Proclaims the Word
Wednesday	Acts 18:12-17	Dragged before Gallio
Thursday	Acts 18:18-23	Paul Leaves Corinth
Friday	1 Corinthians 1:19-31	God Is the Source of Life
Saturday	1 Corinthians 11:17-36	Eating the Lord's Supper
Sunday	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	The Greatest of These Is Love

*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.