

## 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

Gracious God, through our baptisms, you give us the gift of faith. Help us to have faith in you. Through the new life of spring, you give us the gift of hope. Help us to have hope in you. Through friends and family, you give us the gift of love. Help us to love you. Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** Was there something that you loved doing today? Was there something that you did not love doing today?
- ❓ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Paul writes the church of Corinth to remind them to have faith, to have hope, but especially to love. How did you share your faith today? What did you see today that was hopeful? Who loved you today?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Paul reminds the church of Corinth that we should give thanks to God for saving us. How did you give thanks to God 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 who loves you] who loves me. Help me to love [name one person]. Amen.

### CLOSING

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

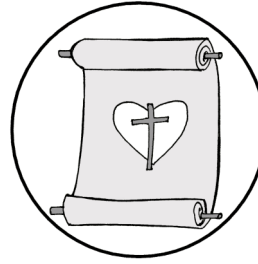
#### ✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

*Mark one another with the sign of the cross on each other's hands or forehead, and say, "You have been given the gifts of faith, hope, and love. Go into the world and share these gifts. Amen."*

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1 Corinthians 13:1-13



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.  
- 1 Corinthians 13:13

### MEALTIME PRAYER

God, we thank you for this meal. We thank you for our friends and family. We thank you for all that you have given us. Fill our hearts with gratitude for your love that never goes away. Amen.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: In what ways is Paul's letter sharing Good News with the church of Corinth?*

Sunday	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	The Greatest of These Is Love
Monday	1 Corinthians 14:26-33	Building Up the Body of Christ
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Proclaiming Resurrection
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 15:12-19	The Risen Christ
Thursday	1 Corinthians 15:20-26	Christ, the First Fruits
Friday	1 Corinthians 15:30-41	Heavenly Bodies and Earthly Bodies
Saturday	1 Corinthians 15:42-50	Physical and Spiritual Bodies
Sunday	1 Corinthians 15:51-57	Death, the Last Enemy

*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.*

Secretly pick one person in your household or a neighbor, and do something nice for them today.