

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

Gracious God, we have been loved by you even when we try to trick others. We have been blessed by you even when we try to deceive others. We have been granted life by you even when we cheat others. Thankfully, we have you, God, to forgive and love us despite all our sins and mistakes. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** What was one thing that was tricky for you today? What was one thing that was easy for you today?
- ❓ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Jacob tricked his father in blessing him and not his brother Esau. This made Esau angry, and Jacob had to flee from his family. When have you been angry today? Have you told any lies?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** God calls Moses to deliver God's people out of slavery. In the process, God reveals God's name. What is one thing you have 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

✠ Go in a circle and pray for the person on your right. Say you are sorry for a time you hurt another person.

CLOSING

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

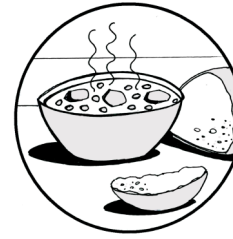
✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

With permission, mark one another with the sign of the cross each other's hands or forehead, and say, "God blessed you with many gifts. Go and share your gifts with others. Amen."

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Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go."

—Genesis 28:15

MEALTIME PRAYER

God of blessings, you provide us with food and drink, friends and family. Thank you for these, and may you grant us strength to focus on our blessings more than our troubles. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What is happening? What is the plot? Who are the people?**

Sunday	Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17	Jacob Steals a Blessing
Monday	Genesis 29:1-30	Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel
Tuesday	Genesis 29:31–30:24	The Twelve Tribes Are Born
Wednesday	Genesis 37:2-36; 39:20-23	Joseph Is Sold into Slavery
Thursday	Genesis 40:2-3, 9-23; 41:14-45	Joseph Interprets Dreams
Friday	Genesis 47:1-12; 50:22-26	The Death of Joseph
Saturday	Exodus 1:8-14; 2:1-25	The Birth of Moses
Sunday	Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17	The Burning Bush

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.

Spend the week blessing others. Surprise family members or friends by making their favorite meal, play a fun game together, or draw a special picture.