

## 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

God, we might not see the kind of power on display at the shores of the Red Sea. But, we do see the kind of love you have displayed in Jesus. Help us to see your love in our lives. Help us to be that love for others. Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** Name one thing that went well today. Name one thing that did not go so well today.
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** The Israelites were afraid and stressed when the Egyptians chased them but were comforted by God's presence. When did you feel stressed or afraid today? When did you feel calm?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Look up Exodus 20 or search online for a list of the Ten Commandments. Name one commandment that was easy for you to keep today. Name one commandment that was hard to keep.

### DAILY BIBLE READING

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

### PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Dear God [point up], you love my family and friends [point to someone]. You love the world [point out a window or a door]. You love me [point to yourself]. 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

With permission, mark one another with the sign of the cross on each other's hands or forehead, and say, "May God's love lead you today and every day. Amen."

The "Four Key Faith Practices"—Caring Conversations, Devotions, Service, and Rituals & Traditions—are a framework developed by the Rev. Dr. David Anderson. A brief description of the Four Keys is available at Milestones Ministry, LLC: <https://milestonesministry.org/history-of-the-four-keys/>.

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Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today."

- Exodus 14:13

### MEALTIME PRAYER

For the bounty of the earth, we praise you, God. For the water that springs forth to drink, we praise you, God. For this time of food and for the people we love, we praise you, God. Amen.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Something to consider as you read: **What are the people doing in each story? What is God doing in each story?**

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|-----------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sunday    | Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29 | Parting the Red Sea             |
| Monday    | Exodus 15:1-10              | Moses' Song                     |
| Tuesday   | Exodus 15:22-27             | God Provides in the Wilderness  |
| Wednesday | Exodus 16:1-16              | More Provision: Manna and Quail |
| Thursday  | Exodus 17:1-7               | Water from the Rock             |
| Friday    | Exodus 17:8-16              | Amalek Is Defeated              |
| Saturday  | Exodus 19:1-25              | Israel Arrives at Sinai         |
| Sunday    | Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17      | The Ten Commandments            |

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.

If possible, take or plan a walk near a source of water outdoors (from very small to very big). Pick up any trash you see and dispose of it properly.