

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, you remained with Moses and the children of Israel as they traveled through the wilderness. You have made promises to us to do the same. Help us to see you. Help us to serve you. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** What's the best thing that happened today? What was one thing that did not go well?
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Read the Scripture verse for the week. One way to serve God is to serve others. How did you serve someone today? How did someone serve you? How does it feel to serve or be served?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Psalm 51 is David's prayer for forgiveness after he did something very wrong. Did you forgive someone today? Or did someone forgive you? How did that feel?

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 me [point to self]. You love my family and friends [point to each other]. Help us to serve one another with love. 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, "Choose this day whom you will serve. 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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Joshua 24:1-15 [16-26]



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

- Joshua 24:15

MEALTIME PRAYER

Loving God, we thank you for food to eat and water to drink. You give us everything we need for our daily lives together. Help us to trust in your constant love, and strengthen us to share your love with everyone we meet. 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?**

Sunday	Joshua 24:1-15 [16-26]	Joshua Serves God
Monday	1 Samuel 16:1-13	David Is Anointed by Samuel
Tuesday	1 Samuel 17:1-11	David and Goliath, Part 1
Wednesday	1 Samuel 17:12-30	David and Goliath, Part 2
Thursday	1 Samuel 17:31-54	David and Goliath, Part 3
Friday	2 Samuel 11:1-13	King David Abuses His Power
Saturday	2 Samuel 11:14-27	David's Sins Spiral out of Control
Sunday	2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9	Nathan and King David

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.

Think of one or more people who have been influential in your faith. Say a prayer of thanksgiving for their gifts to you. If possible, send them a note thanking them.