

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

Heavenly King, thank you for including us as your sheep. Help us always to see you in others, especially when we meet people who are in need. Remind us that when we serve those who are in need, we are serving you. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** What was the high point from the day? What was the low point?
- ❓ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** When we serve others, we are serving Jesus. Name one way that you served someone else today. How did someone serve you?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus makes his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. People were praising Jesus by saying "Hosanna!" Can you name one way that you praised Jesus today? Did you pray for someone? Did you sing to Jesus? Did you help someone?

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 member of your household say the following prayer: Dear God, Please help me with _____. Please be with _____. Amen.

CLOSING

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

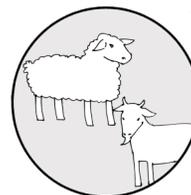
✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

With permission, mark one another with the sign of the cross on the forehead, and say: **Blessed by God, you are a sheep of the Shepherd's fold. Amen.**

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Matthew 25:31-46



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

- Matthew 25:40

MEALTIME PRAYER

Bless this food to our bodies, Lord Jesus, and us to your works. Let this food and drink sustain us so that we can serve and love others. 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	Matthew 25:31-46	When Did We See You?
Monday	Matthew 21:1-14	Don't Be Lead Astray
Tuesday	Matthew 24:15-29	Hard Times to Come
Wednesday	Isaiah 13:6-10	The Day of the Lord is Near
Thursday	Matthew 24:30-35	The Son of Man
Friday	Matthew 24:36-44	The Unexpected Hour
Saturday	Matthew 24:45-51	Faithful or Wicked?
Sunday	Matthew 21:1-17	Triumphal Entry

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.

Have each person in your household pick three pieces of their clothing to donate to a local thrift store. Drop off the donation together as a family at some point during the week.