

## 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

God of mercy, all of us are in need of healing and new life from you. Show us how we might touch you and be made well. Help us be your love to a world in desperate need of healing. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** Name one thing that was fun today. Name one thing that was not fun today.
- ❓ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Jesus healed a young girl and a hemorrhaging woman. Now, Jesus gives us other people in our lives to help heal us—physically, mentally, emotionally. Name one thing that happened today that was healing. Who helped you?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus sends out his disciples to share the good news of God's love with others. How did you share God's love 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 name someone who is need of healing. Pray for each named 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

*Mark one another with the sign of the cross on each other's hands or forehead, and say, "Jesus blesses you with mercy and new life. Amen."*

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Mark 5:21-43



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

[Jesus] said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well, go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

- Mark 5:34

### MEALTIME PRAYER

You give us faith, dear God, so that we can believe. You give us food, dear God, so that our bodies can grow. You give us family and friends, dear God, so that we can feel your love through others. Amen.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What did you learn about God from each story?***

Sunday	Mark 5:35-43	A Girl Raised
Monday	Psalms 46	God Is Our Refuge
Tuesday	Psalms 100	A Joyful Noise to the LORD
Wednesday	Psalms 121	Help Comes from God
Thursday	Psalms 126	The Lord Restores Us
Friday	Mark 6:1-6	A Prophet Comes Home
Saturday	Mark 6:7-16	Sending Out the Twelve
Sunday	Mark 6:17-29	The Death of John the Baptist

*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 someone in your neighborhood, school, or church who is in need of extra help. Bring them a plate of cookies, a meal, or just some conversation this week.