

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

With the rising sun, shine on us, dear God. Guide our hearts to watch for you, and open our eyes to see your light. May our hearts know that your love is enough as day turns into night and night turns into day. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** Name one silly thing you saw or did today. Name one serious thing you saw or did today.
- ❓ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** One way we can "keep awake" is to watch for people who need God's love, and then help them. Who did you see that needed God's love today and how did you share God's love with them?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** People celebrated Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem on a colt. What is one way you celebrated 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

✝ Say this prayer together: Dear God, help me watch for you today. Amen.

CLOSING

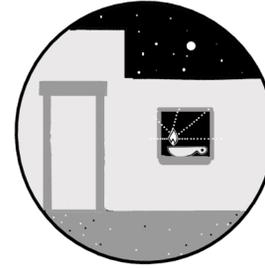
✝ If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.

✝ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

Mark one another with the sign of the cross on each other's hands or forehead, and say, "Keep awake for people who need your care today. Amen."

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Mark 13:1-8, 24-37



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."
- Mark 13:37

MEALTIME PRAYER

At this time, we sit down to dine, dear God. With this meal, nourish our bodies. With your word, sustain us. With your love, help us to shine your light in this world. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What do you think is the meaning of each story?***

Sunday	Mark 13:24-27	The Son of Man Comes
Monday	Mark 13:28-31	The Lesson of the Fig Tree
Tuesday	Mark 13:32-37	Keep Awake
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 5:1-5	Times and Seasons
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 5:6-11	Do Not Fall Asleep
Friday	Romans 13:11-14	Salvation is Near
Saturday	Mark 14:1-2	A Plot Is Hatched
Sunday	Mark 11:1-11; 14:3-9	Triumphal Entry and Anointing

*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!***

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