

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 of life, you provided bread from heaven and water to the Israelites when they cried out to you. Hear our prayers, too. Prayers to feed children who are hungry, for families who are homeless, and people that are lonely. They cry out to you as well. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- 🔗 **Highs & Lows:** Name one thing that happened that was sweet today. Name one thing that happened that you have complained about.
- 🔗 **Thinking about This Week's Story:** The Israelites complained to God that they were hungry and thirsty while wondering in the wilderness. God provided sweet bread for heaven for them to eat. What has God provided for you today?
- 🔗 **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** God calls a young boy named Samuel to courageously follow God and to be God's servant. When have you been brave today? When have you felt scared or nervous? They can be the same time.

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 the Lord's Prayer together. When you get to the words "Give us today our daily bread," remember to thank God for all that you have.

CLOSING

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

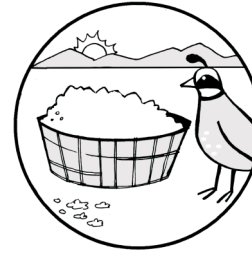
✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

Shake hands with each other, and say, "May you see God's blessings today and always. Amen."

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Exodus 16:1-18



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites...I am the Lord your God."

—Exodus 16:12

MEALTIME PRAYER

O God, you provide for us bread from heaven. Thank you for your gifts of the earth and all of the people whose work brings this food to our table. Thank you God for everything. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What jumps out in each story? What catches your attention?**

Sunday	Exodus 16:1-18	Manna and Quail
Monday	Numbers 21:4-9	The Bronze Serpent
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 5:1-22; 6:1-9	The Ten Commandments
Wednesday	Joshua 1:1-9	God's Promise to Joshua
Thursday	Joshua 24:2-25	Israel's Covenant with God
Friday	Judges 5:1-31	Song of Deborah
Saturday	1 Samuel 1:20-2:11	The Birth of Samuel
Sunday	1 Samuel 3:1-21	God Calls Samuel

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.

Go to the store together, purchase one or more items, and donate them to a local food pantry.