

## 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 wonders, you fill the entire universe that you created, yet you also give us each your presence through your Holy Spirit. Help us to rest in your care. Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** What is something that made you happy today? What is something that made you sad or angry?
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** God's presence filled the temple, and so this building became a place for people to go to seek God. When did you experience God's presence today? If you did not recognize God's presence, where did you experience something good and loving?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** In next week's reading, God provides for the prophet Elijah. How has God provided good things to you 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

✠ Sit quietly for a moment, breathing deeply. With permission, place your hand on the head or shoulder of the person on your right and pray that they would experience God's loving presence during the upcoming day.

### CLOSING

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

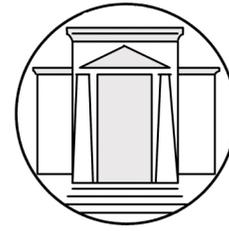
#### ✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

With permission, mark one another with the sign of the cross each other's hands or forehead, and say, "God is present with you now and forever."

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1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13



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### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name."

— 1 Kings 5:5

### MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, as your presence filled the temple in the time of Solomon, may your presence be known at this table. Bless our food and our fellowship so that we may be strengthened to be your presence in the world. Amen.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Fill in the gaps. Something to consider as you read: **What is God doing in these stories?**

Sunday	1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13	Solomon's Temple
Monday	1 Kings 11:1-13	Solomon's Errors
Tuesday	1 Kings 11:41–12:19	The Kingdom Divides
Wednesday	1 Kings 16:1-28	The Situation before Ahab
Thursday	1 Kings 16:29-34	Ahab Marries Jezebel
Friday	1 Kings 17:1-24	The Widow of Zarephath
Saturday	1 Kings 18:20-46	Elijah and the Prophets of Baal
Sunday	1 Kings 19:1-18	God Visits Elijah

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.

Call a local hospital. Ask how you can help the children who are hospitalized given your time and resources.