

## 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 Miracles, with your word and power, you changed water into wine. Work in us your miracles of love and faith. Teach us how to share our very best with others as you do with us every day. Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** Name the best thing that happened today. Name the worst thing that happened.
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Jesus was at a wedding. He helped the family when the party ran out of wine by turning plain water into the best wine they had ever tasted. How have you been helpful to someone today? How has someone been helpful to you?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus becomes angry when some people were misusing the temple. When have you been angry or frustrated today? Did you have a good reason for that?

### DAILY BIBLE READING

Read aloud from the DAILY BIBLE READING from the front. What do you want to remember from this reading?

### PRAY TOGETHER

- ✚ Play a prayer game. Each person says: Dear God, thank you for your miracles, especially for [act out something—an animal, type of flower, special person]. Amen.

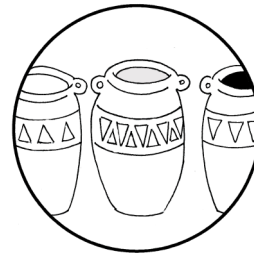
### CLOSING

- ✚ 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 each other's hands or forehead, and say, "Go love and care for others. Amen."

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John 2:1-11



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"Everyone serves the good wine first...But you have kept the good wine until now."

—John 2:10

### MEALTIME PRAYER

Around the table, dear Lord, you give your people the best to drink and eat. Around the table, dear Lord, you give your people friends and family so sweet. Around the table, dear Lord, you give your people the faith and love they need. Amen.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

As you read, ask: **What is happening in each of these wedding or feast stories?**

|           |                    |                                  |
|-----------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sunday    | John 2:1-11        | The Wedding at Cana              |
| Monday    | Luke 14:7-11       | A Parable About a Wedding        |
| Tuesday   | Luke 14:15-24      | A Second Parable About a Wedding |
| Wednesday | Psalms 104:10-16   | Food and Drink for All           |
| Thursday  | Revelation 19:1-10 | The Eternal Wedding Feast        |
| Friday    | Isaiah 25:6-9      | The Feast of the Lord            |
| Saturday  | Psalms 23:1-6      | A Psalm with Overflowing Wine    |
| Sunday    | John 2:13-25       | Cleansing the Temple             |

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.

Turn a wine bottle or mason jar into a vase by washing it out, painting or decorating it, and place in it some fresh or silk flowers. Give it to someone who needs to be cheered up.