

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 love, people should know that we follow you by our love. Help us to take every opportunity to show love to all we meet, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** Talk about a time when someone treated you with love or kindness today. Can you think of missed opportunities you have had to be a friend to someone else?
- ❓ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** In this week's story, Pilate asks, "What is truth?" A truth is something that is real. What real or true things have you experienced today? Have you told or experienced any lies?
- ❓ **Next Week's Story:** Next week's Scripture tells how the religious leaders demanded that Pilate crucify Jesus. While Pilate could not find a real reason to go ahead with it, he did it anyway to please the crowd. Did you do anything today to please other people today? Did you do anything to stand up for what was right?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✚ Pray with a partner and ask God to show them ways to be more loving.

CLOSING

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

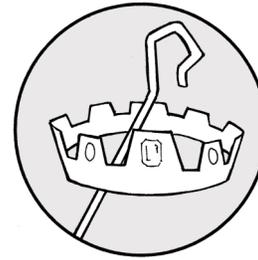
✚ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

With permission, trace a cross on the top of your neighbor's feet and say, "May you walk this week in God's love!"

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John 18:28-40



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

[Jesus said] "For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth."

—John 18:37

MEALTIME PRAYER

Gracious God, we are grateful to be together to enjoy fellowship with one another as you did with your disciples. We are blessed to call each other "friend." Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Filling in the gaps. A question to ask as you read: **This week's Scripture reminds us that we are important to Jesus. What ways can you show him this week that he is important to you?**

Sunday	John 18:28-40	Jesus Before Pilate
Monday	John 15:8-11	Abide in Love
Tuesday	John 15:12-17	Love One Another
Wednesday	John 15:18-21	The World's Hatred
Thursday	John 15:22-27	The Spirit of Truth
Friday	John 16:1-4a	Know Jesus
Saturday	John 16:4b-7	Jesus' Instructions
Sunday	John 19:1-16a	Jesus Is Sentenced

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.

Spread more love. Together write letters of love and support to those in the armed services.