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 all, many things happen in our lives that we do not understand. In these times, may our faith rise up and remind us that *you* are God! Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- **Highs & Lows:** What was one thing that happened today that made you angry or sad? What was one thing that made you happy?
- **Thinking about This Week's Story:** The religious leaders were angry at Jesus and wanted him killed. What happened today where someone acted out of anger?
- **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Next week, we will hear about Jesus coming into Jerusalem with celebration, and also about Jesus being nailed onto the cross. What happened today that made you want to celebrate? What happened that made you sad?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

- Have each person give thanks to God for something that makes them happy. Pray for God's help with something that makes them sad.

CLOSING

- If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.
- **Rituals & Traditions**: **A Blessing to Share**
  Hold hands while someone recites 2 Corinthians 13:14: **"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen."**

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APRIL 3, 2022 **John 19:1-16a**

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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"
—John 19:5

MEALTIME PRAYER

Spirit of God, fall fresh on us as we eat and drink with one another. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: ***What do you understand? What questions do you have?***

Sunday	John 19:1-16a	Jesus Is Sentenced
Monday	John 16:8-12	The Work of the Spirit
Tuesday	John 16:13-16	Glorified in God
Wednesday	John 16:17-22	Sorrow into Joy
Thursday	John 16:23-28	God Loves You
Friday	John 16:29-33	Take Courage
Saturday	John 17:6-9	Jesus Prays for His Disciples
Sunday	John 19:16b-22 [12:12-27]	A Different Kind of King

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.

Make a plan to do some outside spring cleaning in your neighborhood.

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