

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

In the midst of chaos, God, you raised your Son from the dead. The women marveled, and the disciples believed. Help us to see your empty tomb and to live out your resurrection story in our lives. 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 today that was glorious. Name one thing that happened that was not so glorious.
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Jesus is no longer dead in the tomb, but he has been raised. Mary rushes to the tomb and finds it empty. Finally, Jesus speaks with Mary in the garden. How amazing would it be to meet Jesus in the garden like Mary! What does it mean to see Jesus in your life? Where do you see Jesus today?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus appears first to Mary, and then to the disciples. Many of them were surprised to see Jesus, but Thomas doubted. What was a time today that you felt doubt or uncertainty?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Invite each person say a simple prayer of thanks, aloud or silently. At the end of each person's prayer, say: Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

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, hold hands with one another, and say, "Let's go out and share God's love. Amen."

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John 20:1-18



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord."

- John 20:18b

MEALTIME PRAYER

Glory, hallelujah! Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Let us celebrate the risen Son of God with food and drink. Come, Lord Jesus, around our table and be alive in our hearts today. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Ask yourself as you read: **How do each of these stories show praise to God?**

Sunday	John 20:1-18	Jesus Is Risen!
Monday	Psalm 22:19-22	Lament Turned to Praise, Part 1
Tuesday	Psalm 22:23-26	Lament Turned to Praise, Part 2
Wednesday	Psalm 22:27-31	Lament Turned to Praise, Part 3
Thursday	Isaiah 44:6-8	Witness God's Glory
Friday	Isaiah 53:1-6	The Suffering Servant
Saturday	Isaiah 53:7-12	The Suffering Servant, Part 2
Sunday	John 20:19-31	Thomas Doubts

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.

Plant a couple of seeds of your favorite fruit or vegetable in some cups. Make sure you water your seeds and place the cups in a sunny spot. Once the plants are six inches, transplant either into the ground or into pots. Watch new life grow!