

## 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

Precious One, Paul was excited about you and told everyone who would listen about your love. Let everyone who we meet with this week know that we follow Jesus by our love. Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** Who did you talk to today who listened to you? Who did not listen to you?
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Paul explained that God gives us all good things. Name three things about today that you are thankful for.
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** In next week's Scripture, Paul is writing a letter while he is in prison, but he is joyful and sees the good in his circumstances. Name something you did not like about your day, and then work together to figure out something good in that circumstance.

### 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 in a circle go around, each saying a prayer for people in different parts of the world.

### 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 another's forehead and say, "In God you live and move and have your being."

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# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

Acts 17:16-31

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"The God who made the world and everything in it...does not live in shrines made by human hands."

—Acts 17:24

### MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, you are the Creator. It is you who give us life and breath and all good things. Thank you for this food we are about to eat. Strengthen us to share your love in the world. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What is God doing in each story? What are the people doing?**

Sunday	Acts 17:16-31	Paul in Athens
Monday	Acts 17:32-34	The Conversion of Dionysius
Tuesday	Acts 18:1-17	The Church at Corinth
Wednesday	Acts 19:1-10	The Church at Ephesus
Thursday	Acts 19:21-22; 20:17-28	Paul Leaves Ephesus
Friday	Acts 22:1-11	Paul Tells His Story
Saturday	Acts 22:12-21	Paul Continues His Story
Sunday	Philippians 1:1-18a	The Church in Philippi

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.

Paul was a master communicator. Call someone you have not spoken to in a while and ask how they are doing.