



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Then [Jesus] said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."

—Luke 6:5

## MEALTIME PRAYER

As we gather around this grateful table, give us our daily bread, O God. As we gather around this heartfelt table, give us our daily bread, O God. As we gather around this joyful table, give us our daily bread, O God. Amen.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*Something to ponder as you read: **In these stories, what is Jesus teaching you?***

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|-----------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sunday    | Luke 6:1-16         | The Lord of the Sabbath            |
| Monday    | Deuteronomy 5:12-15 | Keeping the Sabbath                |
| Tuesday   | Luke 6:17-19        | Jesus Touches and Heals            |
| Wednesday | Luke 6:20-26        | Blessings and Woes                 |
| Thursday  | Luke 6:27-36        | Love for Enemies                   |
| Friday    | Luke 6:37-45        | Judging Others                     |
| Saturday  | Luke 6:46-49        | The Two Foundations                |
| Sunday    | Luke 7:1-17         | Healing the Sick, Raising the Dead |

*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.*

On Sunday (or a different day), take a true Sabbath. Rest, play, and enjoy your family, be in service to one another.

## 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

Creator God, you delivered your people from slavery, then gave them the gift of rest, a Sabbath day. Help us to take time to rest, a time to renew, refresh and rediscover our faith in you. Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs and Lows:** What was something today that gave you energy? What is something that drained you?
- ❓ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Jesus teaches us that a sabbath is a time for rest and healing. What has made you tired today? How have you rested?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Out of compassion, Jesus heals one man and raises another from the dead. Where have you seen compassion today? Where have you seen selfishness?

### DAILY BIBLE READING

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

### PRAY TOGETHER

✠ With everyone kneeling, say a prayer of thanks to God for the gift of faith and the gift of rest.

### CLOSING

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

#### ✠ Rituals and Traditions: A Blessing to Share

*Hug each other, and say, "Rest in God's love. Amen."*

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