



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

[The lawyer] said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

—Luke 10:37

MEALTIME PRAYER

Gracious God of all, we bless you and thank you for providing this meal before us. Not only do we thank you for the meal, but also for the joy of sharing it with others in person or in spirit. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*Filling in the gaps. A question to ask as you read: **Who are we commanded to love as much as we God? What should we do together to stay connected to God?***

Sunday	Luke 10:25-42	The Samaritan, Martha and Mary
Monday	Leviticus 19:13-18	Loving Your Neighbor
Tuesday	Romans 13:8-10	Love for One Another
Wednesday	Luke 11:1-13	Power of Prayer
Thursday	Matthew 6:5-13	Concerning Prayer
Friday	Luke 12:22-34	Do Not Worry
Saturday	Philippians 4:4-9	Peace, Not Worry
Sunday	Luke 13:1-9, 31-35	Jesus Preaches Repentance

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.

Invite each person to choose an elderly, ill or shut-in congregation member to check in on this week. Ask them what their prayer requests are and share a prayer together.

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**

Loving and eternal God, you have created us to be in community with one another. Let us be willing and open to show others the love of Jesus through building community, caring for one another, and praying together. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- 🔗 **Highs and Lows:** Who can you reach out to today who might be feeling down or lonely? Has there been a time today when someone has made you feel encouraged?
- 🔗 **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Mary and Martha honored Jesus in their own way, by work or by listening. But Martha was frustrated and worried. What has made you frustrated or worried today? What has given you peace?
- 🔗 **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus calls his followers to repent when they do the wrong thing. What is a situation today that you need to correct or make 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

✠ Sit together silently for a minute to think of ways you can intentionally show God's love in action to those around you. Go around the circle for everyone to share what they plan to do and then pray for each to be encouraged.

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**

Mark one another with the sign of the cross on the forehead, and say, "May you show God's love to all you encounter. Amen."

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