



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!"

—Luke 13:34

MEALTIME PRAYER

Loving God, we thank you for all you have blessed us with. We pray right now for all those who are hungry, that you would use your people to bless them with food and everything else they need. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Listen as you read: What do you hear God saying in each of these stories?

Sunday	Luke 13:1-9, 31-35	Jesus Preaches Repentance
Monday	Luke 13:10-17	Jesus Heals a Woman
Tuesday	Luke 13:18-30	Jesus Teaches
Wednesday	Luke 14:1-6	Jesus Heals a Man Who Is Sick
Thursday	Luke 14:7-14	Humility and Hospitality
Friday	Luke 14:15-24	The Parable of the Great Dinner
Saturday	Luke 14:25-33	The Cost of Discipleship
Sunday	Luke 15:1-32	The Lost Is Found

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.

Commit to doing one random act of kindness for a stranger every week. Try paying for the car behind you in line at a drive-up window or help a neighbor with yard work.

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, we know that we make mistakes and do the wrong thing each and every day. Give us the wisdom to recognize when we do this and the courage to repent—admitting our mistakes and working to correct them. Thank you for your unconditional love and forgiveness. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- 🕒 **Highs and Lows:** Talk about a time when you have been generous to someone and how it made you feel. When have you missed an opportunity to be generous?
- 🕒 **Thinking about This Week's Story:** This week, Jesus reminds his followers to repent—to confess their wrongdoings and change their behavior. What is one thing you did today that you need to confess?
- 🕒 **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus reminds us that we should not focus only on ourselves, but to help those who are in need. When have you helped someone today? When has someone helped you?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Take turns confessing one or more sins that are bothering you. When finished, everyone should respond, "God forgives you and so do we."

CLOSING

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

✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

Mark the sign of the cross on each other's foreheads or hands and say, "God forgives you. Go in peace."

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