



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

[Abraham] said to [the rich man], 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

—Luke 16:13

## MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord of all, thank you for providing us these gifts of food, drink, and fellowship with others. Grant us opportunities to serve others and the hearts to follow through. Amen.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 16:19-31	The Rich Man and Lazarus
Monday	Luke 16:1-13	The Parable of the Dishonest Manager
Tuesday	Luke 16:14-18	The Law and the Kingdom of God
Wednesday	Luke 17:11-19	Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers
Thursday	Luke 18:1-14	Two Parables
Friday	Luke 18:15-17	Jesus Blesses Little Children
Saturday	Luke 18:18-30	The Rich Ruler
Sunday	Luke 18:31-19:10	Zacchaeus

*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.*

Research the current needs of those who are vulnerable in your community. Make a plan on how to help within your abilities and follow through.

# 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

Lord of All, we thank you for all that you have given to us. Let us follow your example of generosity by being loving, kind, and generous to others. Amen.

## CARING CONVERSATION

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

- 🔗 **Highs and Lows:** What is something you are thankful for today? What is something that you wish did not happen?
- 🔗 **Thinking about This Week's Story:** The rich man in Jesus' story did not share what he had with someone who needed it. When did you share something with another person today? When did you have an opportunity to share, but did not?
- 🔗 **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus offered love, welcome, and healing to a blind man and a tax collector. When have you offered care to someone today? When has someone offered care to 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

✠ In a circle, have each person give a blessing to the person on their right.

## CLOSING

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

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

*Say this prayer in unison, "May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and grant you perfect peace."*

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