



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

—Luke 21:34

MEALTIME PRAYER

As you went to the house of the tax collector, Zacchaeus, come into our home and to this table. Grant us your peace. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 18:31–19:10	Zacchaeus
Monday	Luke 19: 11-27	The Parable of the Ten Pounds
Tuesday	Luke 20:1-8	Jesus' Authority
Wednesday	Luke 20:9-19	The Parable of the Wicked Tenants
Thursday	Luke 20: 20-26	The Question about Paying Taxes
Friday	Luke 20:27-40	The Question about the Resurrection
Saturday	Luke 21:1-4	The Widow's Offering
Sunday	Luke 19:29-44	The Triumphal Entry

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.

Gather together everything you are not using from all of your family's closets and take them to a thrift store. These items will be a blessing to someone else!

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 Lord, grant in us the excitement that Zacchaeus felt when he knew you were approaching. May our lives be a witness to your love. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs and Lows:** What is something good that happened today? What was bad?
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** In today's story, Jesus healed the sight of a man who was blind. Where have you seen people in need of healing today?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Next week, we begin Holy Week with the people celebrating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. What is something that you can celebrate about today?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ After a brief time of silent meditation, ask each other what they would like prayer for. Pray for one another.

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 loves you and so do I!"

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