



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized [Jesus]; and he vanished from their sight.

—Luke 24:31

MEALTIME PRAYER

God, as Jesus blessed and broke bread with his disciples in Emmaus, bless our food and time right now. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 24:13-35	The Road to Emmaus
Monday	Luke 24:36-49	Jesus Appears to His Disciples
Tuesday	Luke 24:50-53	The Ascension of Jesus
Wednesday	Acts 1:1-11	The Promise of the Holy Spirit
Thursday	Acts 1:12-17, 21-26	Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas
Friday	Acts 3:11-26	Peter Speaks in Solomon's Portico
Saturday	Acts 4:32-37	The Believers Share Their Possessions
Sunday	Acts 6:1–7:2a, 44-60	Community and Condemnation

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.

Call someone who you think may be lonely and engage them in a conversation.

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, as you opened the Scriptures to your disciples on the road to Emmaus, open them also to us so that we might learn of the life you have promised your disciples. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs and Lows:** What was something that was boring today? What was something that was interesting or exciting?
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Jesus taught his disciples while they were travelling. What was one thing you learned today? Did you teach anyone anything?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Next week, the apostles select leaders to make sure everyone's needs were met. How were you helped today? How did you help someone else?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✝ Walk around your neighborhood or your home, praying for the people who live there.

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, "You are a beloved child of God."

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