



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.
—Galatians 4:7

MEALTIME PRAYER

God, thank you for this food and the fellowship you bless us with, either in person or in spirit. Give us your Holy Spirit and empower us to do your will, now and forever.
Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7	God Sends the Holy Spirit
Monday	Acts 2: 5-12	The Work of the Holy Spirit
Tuesday	Galatians 5:16-26	Fruit of the Spirit
Wednesday	Romans 15:14-21	Paul's Power through the Holy Spirit
Thursday	Acts 19:1-7	Paul in Ephesus
Friday	John 20:19-23	Jesus and the Holy Spirit
Saturday	John 1:1-18, 29-34	The Word and the Spirit

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.

Take a look in your pantry and pick a few items to donate. Gather your items together and donate the box of love to your local food pantry.

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

Gracious God, remind us that as the Spirit is always walking with us. Let the Spirit be our guide in all things. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

❓ **Highs and Lows:** What is one time when you felt excited today? When did you feel bored?

❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Read (or reread) Galatians 5:22-23 about the fruit of the Spirit. Name one thing from your day that fits with each of those words.

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Pick a partner and talk about what you each need prayer for this week. Everyone pray with one another that the Holy Spirit works through them this week.

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, "May the Spirit guide you, now and always."

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