

## SHARING GOD'S STORY @ HOME

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK**

And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."  
- Mark 1:17

### **MEALTIME PRAYER**

Blessed are you, Lord.  
Give us what we need  
and enough to spare for works of mercy.  
Amen.

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Something to consider as you read: **What do we learn about God in these stories?**

Sunday	Read/Reflect/Relax
Monday	Mark 1-3; Psalm 18:25-50
Tuesday	Mark 4-6; Psalm 19
Wednesday	Mark 7-9; Psalm 20
Thursday	Mark 10-12; Psalm 21
Friday	Mark 13-14; Psalm 22:1-11
Saturday	Mark 15-16; Psalm 22:12-31

*If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly bible. Sometimes children's bibles won't contain the assigned story for that day. That's okay! Choose something else and read it to your children!*

### **SERVICE CHALLENGE**

On January 21 we celebrate the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr. Take time on this day to give thanks for the women and men who worked hard for justice.

## **DEVOTIONS**

*Devotions are an extension and continuation of our worship life together. The following is a basic pattern for a family or individual devotion time.*

### **GATHERING**

*Light a candle to help you focus this time as sacred.*

### **PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

May our words and our thoughts be acceptable in your sight, O God. Amen.

### **PROCLAIMING**

*Read aloud the assigned Daily Bible Reading from the front.*

### **RESPONDING**

### **CARING CONVERSATION**

**Highs & Lows:** Name one thing that went well today. Name one thing that did not go well today.

**Thinking About Today's Story:** What does this story say about God? What does this story ask me to do? What does this story say to my Highs & Lows?

**Getting Ready for Tomorrow:** Name one thing you are concerned about and for which you want prayer. Name one thing that excites you. Pray for one another!

### **SENDING**

*Extinguish the candle as a sign of the end of the devotion time.*

### **A BLESSING TO SHARE**

May God go before us to guide us,  
behind us to protect us,  
above us to watch over us,  
underneath us to sustain us,  
and beside us as our friend.  
Amen.