

CONFIRMATION @ HOME

THEME FOR THE WEEK

Who am I?

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Jesus answered, "Have you not read that the one who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female?'"

- Matthew 19:4

MEALTIME PRAYER

Gracious God, we give you thanks for all the good things you give us. May we enjoy and share them with others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Read/Reflect/Relax
Monday	Matthew 19:1-6
Tuesday	Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday	Luke 2:22-38
Thursday	Matthew 15:21-28
Friday	Psalms 139
Saturday	Genesis 1:26-2:24

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

Before bed one evening, have everyone in the house sit in a circle. One-by-one have each person go to the center of the circle and listen as everyone else says words of affirmation about the person in the middle. Say something you appreciate, celebrate, or admire about each person.

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.

BEDTIME PRAYER

O God, you have designed this wonderful world, and know all things good for us. Give us such faith that, by day and by night, at all times and in all places, we may without fear entrust those who are dear to us to your never-failing love, in this life and in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 The Week's Theme: Spend some time each night discussing confirmation. What are everyone's hopes, expectations, fears, and worries as confirmation starts? Spend some time sharing stories about your each of your lives. If you get to it, discuss this question, "How do I know who I am?" Another way to ask it is, "What gives my life meaning?" "Who or what defines me?"

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

Jesus loves you.
Jesus is in you.
Jesus is in us.
Amen!