

## SHARING GOD'S STORY @ HOME

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

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

-Matthew 1:22

### **MEALTIME PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, for you give us food to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad. Amen.

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Something to consider as you read: **What do we learn about being a disciple in these verses?**

Sunday	Read/Reflect/Rest
Monday	Matthew 1:1-17
Tuesday	Matthew 1:18-25
Wednesday	Matthew 2:1-12
Thursday	Matthew 2:13-15
Friday	Matthew 2:6-18
Saturday	Matthew 2:19-23

*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!*

### **FAITH @ HOME ACTIVITIES**

Monday, January 6, is Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany means "revelation," and we read the story of the Magi visiting Jesus on Epiphany. One tradition through Christian denominations is for a family to bless their home. One way to do this is to write 20 + C + B + M + 20 over the doorframe of the entrance to your house. These initials are for the received names of the 3 Magi: Caspar, Balthazar, and Melchior and then the year 2020. Writing this in chock or pencil over your door is a way to bless your home and invite God into your home life in 2020.

## **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**

*Read the prayer in the phrases provided.  
Pause after each phrase and let your child(ren) repeat the phrase.  
Through this practice, you're teaching them to pray.*

God of light,/ you overwhelm us with joy./ Let your light/ grow in us/ and in all the world./  
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**

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