

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!