

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."
-Matthew 4:19

MEALTIME PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord. Fill our hearts with joy and delight. 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 being a disciple in these verses?***

Monday	Matthew 3:1-12
Tuesday	Matthew 3:13-17
Wednesday	Matthew 4:1-11
Thursday	Matthew 4:12-17
Friday	Matthew 4:18-22
Saturday	Matthew 4:23-25
Sunday	Read/Reflect/Rest

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

Sunday, January 12 was the Baptism of the Lord. This week, tell your family the stories of each person's baptism. If you were baptized as an adult (like me!) and can remember the story, then tell it. If you were baptized as a baby, ask your parent(s) or grandparent(s) or sibling(s) to tell you the story.

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,/ be our light in darkness./ Show us mercy/ and help us love each other./ 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!