

SHARING GOD'S STORY @ HOME

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
-Matthew 5:3

MEALTIME PRAYER

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| Monday | Matthew 5:1-12 |
| Tuesday | Matthew 5:13-16 |
| Wednesday | Matthew 5:17-20 |
| Thursday | Matthew 5:21-26 |
| Friday | Matthew 5:27-30 |
| Saturday | Matthew 5:31-32 |
| 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

This week we read Jesus' Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount. Each one begins with the word "Blessed." What this word means is "happy," "fortunate," or "prosperous" with the connotation of divine or heavenly bliss. This week share with each other God's blessings in your life together as a family and as individuals.

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!