

SHARING GOD'S STORY @ HOME**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK**

Pray then in this way, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."
-Matthew 6:9

MEALTIME PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Monday	Matthew 5:33-37
Tuesday	Matthew 5:38-42
Wednesday	Matthew 5:43-48
Thursday	Matthew 6:1-4
Friday	Matthew 6:5-6
Saturday	Matthew 6:7-15
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' teaching on prayer. Saying the Lord's Prayer together is a great way to learn how to pray, and it is a theologically rich prayer, like all prayer should be. Before you eat or before you put your kids to bed, say the Lord's Prayer together each night this week. Break the prayer up into short phrases, if you're saying it with children. Say it together if you're by yourself or with your spouse or partner. Recite it to your little children, if they haven't learned to talk yet. Any way you choose will be a fruitful exercise.

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.*

The Prayer of the Week is the Lord's Prayer from Matthew 6. See above for some suggestions on how to pray this prayer together or by yourself and for some strategies to teach it to your children.

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!