

## SHARING GOD'S STORY @ HOME

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

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?  
-Matthew 6:26

### **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?***

Monday	Matthew 6:16-18
Tuesday	Matthew 6:19-21
Wednesday	Matthew 6:22-24
Thursday	Matthew 6:25-34
Friday	Matthew 7:1-6
Saturday	Matthew 7:7-12
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**

In this week's readings, we hear Jesus' teaching about "storing up treasure." For this week's Faith @ Home activity, collect coins as a family and bring them as a tithe on Sunday. This activity is a great way to teach children about the importance of storing treasure in heaven instead of on the earth. Discuss what this might mean as you collect coins.

## **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.*

Jesus,/ be present with us/ and make yourself/ known to us./ 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!