

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!