

SHARING GOD'S STORY @ HOME

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

But when he heard this, Jesus said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

-Matthew 9:12-13

MEALTIME PRAYER

Holy God, we thank you for home, family, and friends. May your love be with us as we break bread in Jesus' name. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Monday	Matthew 9:9-13
Tuesday	Matthew 9:14-17
Wednesday	Matthew 9:18-26
Thursday	Matthew 9:27-31
Friday	Matthew 9:32-34
Saturday	Matthew 9:35-38
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

The Christian Education Committee is making a Faith @ Home activity packet that will last all of Lent and help you and your whole family engage the Lenten practice of prayer. Starting Ash Wednesday, February 26, you can pick up a Lent prayer calendar and purple paper to make a Lent prayer chain. Each day contains one chain and one thing to pray for.

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!