

SHARING GOD'S STORY @ HOME

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

And pointing to his disciples, [Jesus] said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

-Matthew 11:49-50

MEALTIME PRAYER

Dear Lord, we thank you for our food. We thank you for our friends. We thank you for our family. We thank you for our church. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Monday	Matthew 12:33-37
Tuesday	Matthew 12:38-42
Wednesday	Matthew 12:43-45
Thursday	Matthew 12:46-50
Friday	Matthew 13:1-9
Saturday	Matthew 13:10-17
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

Friends, we are doing our best to equip you while the church is closed for the COVID-19 pandemic. I hope everyone is being creative and figuring out ways to stay busy and practice your faith while we're all at home. I know we're trying at my house. One activity Addi and I have done together is to wash our hands at the same time and sing the Doxology while we wash. It's one way to stay clean and teach her about praising God. Give it a try! Also, feel free to email me your own Faith @ Home activities so we can all share ideas.

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!