

SHARING GOD'S STORY @ HOME

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

-Matthew 13:44

MEALTIME PRAYER

Loving Father, may we all celebrate together around your table in heaven. We praise you and give you glory through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Monday	Matthew 13:18-23
Tuesday	Matthew 13:24-30
Wednesday	Matthew 13:31-35
Thursday	Matthew 13:36-43
Friday	Matthew 13:44-46
Saturday	Matthew 13:47-50
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, I have been praying for all of you! Please check out the Sharing God's Story @ Home download to find multiple links for free faith @ home activities from multiple children's ministry resource sites. I'm providing the links so you can subscribe yourself to receive these free activities!

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!