

SHARING GOD'S STORY @ HOME

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

-John 19:30

MEALTIME PRAYER

Gracious God, we give you thanks for all the good things you give us. May we enjoy and share them with others; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| Monday | See the Stations of the Cross Devotional Book |
| Tuesday | See the Stations of the Cross Devotional Book |
| Wednesday | See the Stations of the Cross Devotional Book |
| Thursday | See the Stations of the Cross Devotional Book |
| Friday | See the Stations of the Cross Devotional Book |
| Saturday | See the Stations of the Cross Devotional Book |
| Sunday | Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! |

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, on Friday, April 3, you received as part of the Friday Newsletter a devotional book that will walk you and your family through Holy Week by following the Stations of the Cross. Please download that book or print it to use. There are two stations per day, starting with Palm/Passion Sunday on April 5. There is one station for the morning and one for the evening. Each morning contains an activity and each evening contains prayers or liturgy. Enjoy this book and walk with God and each other through Holy Week.

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!