

SHARING GOD'S STORY @ HOME

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised,"

-Matthew 28:5-6a

MEALTIME PRAYER

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing. Give thanks, and bless God's name. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Monday	Matthew 15:1-20
Tuesday	Matthew 15:21-28
Wednesday	Matthew 15:29-31
Thursday	Matthew 15:32-39
Friday	Matthew 16:1-4
Saturday	Matthew 16:5-12
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

Friends, in the Eastern Orthodox tradition, the week after Easter is called Bright Week. Bright Week is full of activities and celebrations that help us give thanks and live out the joy of Christ's resurrection. Each day do an activity as family or by yourself that helps you experience joy. Share with each other what you're thankful for, share a delicious meal together, go on a walk and enjoy God's creation, make art, dance, laugh, and love one another. These are small ways we can celebrate Christ's resurrection.

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

Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed!
Amen!