

SHARING GOD'S STORY @ HOME

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

-Matthew 16:24

MEALTIME PRAYER

Give us grateful hearts, O God, for all your mercies, and make us mindful of the needs of others; through Jesus 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 16:13-20
Tuesday	Matthew 16:21-23
Wednesday	Matthew 16:24-28
Thursday	Matthew 17:1-13
Friday	Matthew 17:14-21
Saturday	Matthew 17:22-23
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 sermon on Sunday, Brandon talked about increasing our capacity for compassion. What way can you and your family practice compassion this week? What way can you join with your neighbor in these trying times? Think about it as a family and figure out a way to love and serve your neighbors.

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!