

SHARING GOD'S STORY @ HOME

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

He called a child, whom he put among them, ³and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

-Matthew 18:2-5

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 17:24-27
Tuesday	Matthew 18:1-5
Wednesday	Matthew 18:6-9
Thursday	Matthew 18:10-14
Friday	Matthew 18:15-20
Saturday	Matthew 18:21-19:2
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, it's still Easter! Usually I use this space to suggest some activities to do to help you practice and develop your faith at home. This week I want to hear from you. What practices are you doing that you would want to share with others? Let me know what you've been doing to practice your faith at home, and I will choose some ideas to share in next week's Sharing God's Story @ Home. Send them to my email: brandonmelton@nrleighpc.org.

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!