

SHARING GOD'S STORY @ HOME

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, "'From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise'?"

-Matthew 21:16

MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, be our holy guest, our morning joy, our evening rest; and with our daily bread impart your love and peace to every heart. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Monday	Matthew 20:20-28
Tuesday	Matthew 20:29-34
Wednesday	Matthew 21:1-11
Thursday	Matthew 21:12-17
Friday	Matthew 21:18-22
Saturday	Matthew 21:23-27
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

In Matthew 21 Jesus quotes Psalm 8:2, which says, "Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger." Jesus quotes this verse during his entry into Jerusalem, which we celebrated on Palm Sunday a few weeks ago. This week, praise God together at home. You can do this through song, art, or play. Whatever avenue you choose, praise God together this 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

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