

SHARING GOD'S STORY @ HOME

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

-Matthew 22:40

MEALTIME PRAYER

Creator of the universe, you give us this gift of food to nourish us and give us life. Bless this food that you have made and human hands have prepared. May it satisfy our hunger, and in sharing it together may we come closer to one another. 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 | Matthew 21:28-32 |
| Tuesday | Matthew 21:33-46 |
| Wednesday | Matthew 22:1-14 |
| Thursday | Matthew 22:15-22 |
| Friday | Matthew 22:23-33 |
| Saturday | Matthew 22:34-40 |
| 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

Jesus quotes from Deuteronomy 6 during his teaching on the greatest commandment. Deuteronomy 6, especially the beginning, is about teaching the commandments to our children. This week, along with reading Matthew together, read Deuteronomy 6 as a family.

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!