

SHARING GOD'S STORY @ HOME

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

-Matthew 23:11-12

MEALTIME PRAYER

For health and strength and daily food, we praise your name, O Lord. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Monday	Matthew 22:41-46
Tuesday	Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday	Matthew 23:13-36
Thursday	Matthew 23:37-39
Friday	Matthew 24:1-2
Saturday	Matthew 24:3-14
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

One great way to reinforce Jesus' teaching to the disciples in Matthew 23:1-12 is to play Simon Says. Read the lesson together and then play the game!

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!