

## SHARING GOD'S STORY @ HOME

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK**

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Matthew 2:11

### **MEALTIME PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, be our holy guest, our morning joy, our evening rest. And with our daily bread impart thy 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 1:1-17
Tuesday	Matthew 1:18-25
Wednesday	Matthew 2:1-12
Thursday	Matthew 2:13-15
Friday	Matthew 2:16-18
Saturday	Matthew 2:19-23
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**

We have concluded the 21-Day Race Equity Challenge, but that does not mean that we are done learning and growing in regards to justice, race, and racism. There are several things you can do to continue engaging at home. Follow Brandon's blog on Tuesdays, look back at the past weeks of Sharing God's Story @ Home for links to several resources to talk with children, continue looking at more resources from the 21-Day website, talk with a friend, and share your own stories!

### **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**

Let us live as those who are dead to sin  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ.  
Amen!