

## SHARING GOD'S STORY @ HOME

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

Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come not to call the righteous but sinners.

- Matthew 9:13

### **MEALTIME PRAYER**

Thank you for our food. Thank you for our family. Thank you for our friends. Thank you for our church. Amen.

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

Monday	Matthew 9:9-13
Tuesday	Matthew 9:14-17
Wednesday	Matthew 9:18-26
Thursday	Matthew 9:27-31
Friday	Matthew 9:32-34
Saturday	Matthew 9:35-38
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**

Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church in Cary is hosting Groundwater Training session provided by the Racial Equity Institute via Zoom on Saturday, August 29 from 9a-12p. The training costs \$25. This training focuses on seeing how entrenched systemic racism is in every institution in our country. We have space for people to attend, and this training is a great individual opportunity and an opportunity to learn along with your family. If you are interested, contact Virginia Anthony at [vmanthony021360@gmail.com](mailto:vmanthony021360@gmail.com).

### **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!