

## SHARING GOD'S STORY @ HOME

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.  
- Matthew 12:50

### MEALTIME PRAYER

Thank you for the world so sweet. Thank you for the food we eat. Thank you for the birds that sing. Thank you, God, for everything. Amen.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Monday	Matthew 12:33-37
Tuesday	Matthew 12:38-42
Wednesday	Matthew 12:43-45
Thursday	Matthew 12:46-50
Friday	Matthew 13:1-9
Saturday	Matthew 13:10-17
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

If you came to our MAX tailgate on Wednesday, 9/16, then you received an activity bag for the next two weeks of MAX @ Home. In that bag you will find supplies for art projects you can do together and game suggestions. You will also receive an email the day of MAX that will have some short video content you can watch. If you couldn't make it to the tailgate, all these materials will be sent to your inbox, and you can come by the church to pick up a bag for yourself. However you choose, we hope you'll participate in MAX @ Home!

## **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!