

SHARING GOD'S STORY @ HOME

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."
- Matthew 24:35

MEALTIME PRAYER

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Monday	Matthew 24:15-28
Tuesday	Matthew 24:29-31
Wednesday	Matthew 24:32-35
Thursday	Matthew 24:36-44
Friday	Matthew 24:45-51
Saturday	Matthew 25:1-13
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 are upgrading Sharing God's Story @ Home for Advent. Each Sunday of Advent an Advent @ Home guide will show up right in your inbox. It will have a daily scripture reading, a link to a short devotional video, and suggestions for responding to God's word in scripture. I hope you use this Advent @ Home guide to practice your faith @ 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!