

DEVOTIONS

Think about devotions as a continuation of our community's worship. The following basic pattern could be one way of forming your household's devotions. Adapt as necessary!

GATHERING

✠ Light a candle to help you focus this time as "God time."

✠ Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, through Jesus, you have conquered death and given us hope in your promises of everlasting life. Help us cling to that promise, and give us always glimpses of new life every day. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

Take a moment to check in with each other or to use the questions below.

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** Name one thing that happened today that was exciting. Name one thing that happened that was not exciting.
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Jesus died, was buried, and was raised again so that we may have the promise of everlasting life. God never breaks God's promise to us. Did you promise someone something today? Did you keep it?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus wants all people to know about the good news of God's love. What good news did you hear today?

DAILY BIBLE READING

Read aloud from the *DAILY BIBLE READING* from the front. What do you want to remember from this reading?

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Jesus gives us new life. We should say a prayer of thanks. Have each person say a prayer of thanksgiving.

CLOSING

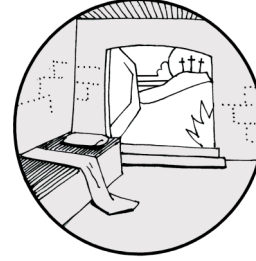
✠ If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.

✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

With permission, mark one another with the sign of the cross on the forehead, and say, "Go forth in peace, filled with the promise that God is with you. Amen."

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Matthew 28:1-10



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay."
- Matthew 28:6

MEALTIME PRAYER

Hallelujah! Christ is risen. At this table, we celebrate the resurrection with food, drink, and fellowship. We thank you, Lord Jesus, for all that you have given us. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Something to consider as you read: **What are the people doing in each story? What is God doing in each story?**

Sunday	Matthew 28:1-10	The Risen Jesus
Monday	Matthew 28:11-15	Bribery and Lies
Tuesday	Luke 24:13-27	The Road to Emmaus, Part 1
Wednesday	Luke 24:28-35	The Road to Emmaus, Part 2
Thursday	Luke 24:36-49	The Resurrected Jesus Appears
Friday	John 21:1-14	Breakfast on the Beach
Saturday	John 21:15-25	Feed My Sheep
Sunday	Matthew 28:16-20	The Great Commission

If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children's Bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the *DAILY BIBLE READINGS*. **Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!**

SERVICE CHALLENGE

SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.

Rejoice in the Easter celebrations together as a household. If possible, invite someone you know who might be alone on Easter to join you either at worship or for dinner.