

## DEVOTIONS

*Think about devotions is 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

Dear God, you are indeed the giver of all good gifts. You have gifted each of us with different talents. Help us to use our gifts in this world so that we may be instruments of your love. Make our gifts known to us so that we can serve others in need. Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** Name something that happened that felt like a gift to you today. Name something that did not feel like a gift to you.
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Paul writes that God's Spirit has given each person special gifts to serve other people. What gifts did you see today in action? Did you see someone help another person? How did you share your gifts 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

✝ Have each person finish this prayer: Dear God, I am good at [name one thing you are good at]. Help me with [name one thing you are not good at]. Amen.

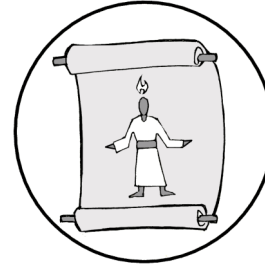
### CLOSING

- ✝ 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 each other's hands or forehead, and say, "Go and share your gifts with those you meet today. Amen."*

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Acts 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 12:1-13



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.  
- 1 Corinthians 12:7

### MEALTIME PRAYER

God, you give us the best gifts. Some people have a gift of listening. Some people have a gift of making others laugh. Some people have a gift of making others feel loved. Whatever our gifts, we thank you for them. Amen.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What is the point or gift of each reading?***

Sunday	1 Corinthians 12:1-13	Many Gifts, One Spirit
Monday	1 Corinthians 12:14-26	One Body, Many Members
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 12:27-31	You Are the Body of Christ
Wednesday	Ephesians 1:15-23	Thanksgiving for Faith
Thursday	Ephesians 2:1-10	Saved by Grace through Faith
Friday	Ephesians 2:11-22	Made One in Christ
Saturday	Ephesians 6:10-17	The Armor of God

*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.*

Have everyone from your household (or extended family or friends) place their names into a hat. Each person draws one name and plans a special gift for their person sometime during the week. The gift cannot cost money, it does not need to be a physical object, and no one can draw their own name. Reveal who has whose name at the end of the week.