

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

God of Promise, Noah was not a perfect human being. But he was a man who listened to you and believed what you promised. Help me to hear, to believe and to rest in the peace of your promises. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ? **Highs & Lows:** What made you smile today? What made you frown today?
- ? **Thinking About This Week's Story:** God spoke to Noah, and God still speaks to people even now. How did God speak to you today? Did you encounter God in creation? Or through a helpful friend? Or from the love a family member?
- ? **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** God is on the move in this story. What is one fun thing had you on the move today? What did you do?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

† Dear God, your love makes me feel _____. Being with the people that care for me makes me feel _____. Thank you for your love and for the people that love me. 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 on the forehead, and say, "As God was with Noah, God is with you. Amen."

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Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

[God said] "I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

- Genesis 9:11

MEALTIME PRAYER

God, because of your love, we give you thanks. Because of your care, we give you thanks. Because of this food and drink, we give you thanks. Because of your promise to be with us always, we give you thanks. 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?**

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| Sunday | Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17 | Noah and the Ark |
| Monday | Genesis 9:18-29 | Noah and Family After the Ark |
| Tuesday | Psalm 93 | A Song of God's Strength |
| Wednesday | Psalm 104:1-9 | Praise for God's Wonderful Work |
| Thursday | Psalm 104:24-35 | God's Wonderful Work Continued |
| Friday | Genesis 11:1-9 | The Tower of Babel |
| Saturday | Genesis 11:26-32 | Abram and His Family |
| Sunday | Genesis 12:1-9 | God Calls Abram |

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.

Pick a place or an organization that cares for animals in your area. How might you help?

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