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**
  Creator God, you delivered your people from slavery, then gave them the gift of rest, a Sabbath day. Help us to take time to rest, a time to renew, refresh, and rediscover our faith in you. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- **Highs and Lows:** What was something today that gave you energy? What is something that drained you?
- **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Jesus teaches us that a sabbath is a time for rest and healing. What has made you tired today? How have you rested?
- **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Out of compassion, Jesus heals one man and raises another from the dead. Where have you seen compassion today? Where have you seen selfishness?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

- With everyone kneeling, say a prayer of thanks to God for the gift of faith and the gift of rest.

CLOSING

- If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.
- **Rituals and Traditions: A Blessing to Share**
  With permission, hug each other, and say, **"Rest in God's love. Amen."**

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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Then [Jesus] said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."
– Luke 6:5

MEALTIME PRAYER

God, as we gratefully gather around this table, give us our daily bread, O God. As we lovingly gather around this table, give us our daily bread, O God. As we joyfully gather around this table, give us our daily bread. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Something to ponder as you read: ***In these stories, what is Jesus teaching you?***

Sunday	Luke 6:1-16	The Lord of the Sabbath
Monday	Deuteronomy 5:12-15	Keeping the Sabbath
Tuesday	Luke 6:17-19	Jesus Touches and Heals
Wednesday	Luke 6:20-26	Blessings and Woes
Thursday	Luke 6:27-36	Love for Enemies
Friday	Luke 6:37-45	Judging Others
Saturday	Luke 6:46-49	The Two Foundations
Sunday	Luke 7:1-17	Healing the Sick, Raising the Dead

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.

Choose a day (or part of a day) in the near future to take a true sabbath. Rest, play, enjoy your family, and be in service to one another.

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