# 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**
  Gentle God, open our hearts so that we can hear your voice. Call out to us so that we can drop what we are doing to answer. Lead us to where you need us to go. Be with us as we engage one another. Help us to trust in your Spirit, and love us when we fail. Amen.

## CARING CONVERSATION

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

- **Highs and Lows:** What is was your biggest success for today? What is something that was frustrating or disappointing?
- **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Jesus helped the fishermen catch many fish in their nets. The fishermen were so amazed that they became disciples—leaving everything they had and following Jesus. What was something amazing (even just a little bit) that happened today?
- **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus redefines the meaning of the Sabbath day, on what people can or cannot do on that day of rest. What day is Sabbath for you? What do you do on that day?

## DAILY BIBLE READING

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

## PRAY TOGETHER

- Think of each other's highs and lows. Use them to pray for each other.

## 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, give each other a high five, and say,* **"Go love and care for others. Amen."**

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## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.
– Luke 5:11

## MEALTIME PRAYER

God of abundance, from the sea and land, we eat from your bounty. From the fields of the farmer, we eat from your goodness. From the fruits of the tree, we eat from your sweetness. Thank you for everything. Amen.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*A question to ask as you read:* ***What miracles does Jesus perform? What everyday miracles do you notice in your life?***

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| Sunday | Luke 5:1-11 | Jesus Fishes for People |
| Monday | Isaiah 6:1-8 | A Vision of God in the Temple |
| Tuesday | Luke 5:12-16 | Jesus Cleanses a Man from Leprosy |
| Wednesday | Luke 5:17-26 | Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man |
| Thursday | Philippians 2:1-11 | Imitating and Responding to Christ |
| Friday | Luke 5:27-32 | Jesus Calls Levi |
| Saturday | Luke 5:33-39 | The Question About Fasting |
| Sunday | Luke 6:1-16 | The Lord of the Sabbath |

*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.*

When at the grocery store, buy several pull-top cans of tuna or other foods and donate them to a local food pantry.

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