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, you always keep your promises as you did with David. You provided a Son of David to sit on the throne of your kingdom forever: Jesus. Help us to trust in your love and your promises to us. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- **Highs and Lows:** Name one thing that happened today that was easy. Name one thing that happened that was hard.
- **Thinking about This Week's Story:** David wanted to build a nice house for God to show his love and thanks. What is something you have done today to show someone else love or thanks? How has someone shown you love or thanks?
- **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** King Solomon was allowed to build the house for God that his father wanted to. What was something you wanted to do today that you were not able to 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

- Starting with the youngest person in the room, pray for one thing that concerns each person.

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, **"God will love you always. Amen."**

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OCTOBER 20, 2024 **2 Samuel 7:1-17**



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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.
– 2 Samuel 7:16

MEALTIME PRAYER

God of plenty, you share your abundance. God of goodness, you share your comfort. God of sweetness, you share your love. God of mercy, you share your grace. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

In reading these stories, ask: ***What are the people doing? What is God doing? What is missing?***

Sunday	2 Samuel 7:1-17	God's Promise to David
Monday	2 Samuel 12:1-13	Nathan Condemns David's Sin
Tuesday	1 Kings 1:32-40	Solomon Becomes King
Wednesday	1 Kings 2:1-4	David Instructs Solomon
Thursday	1 Kings 3:3-14	Solomon Prays for Wisdom
Friday	1 Kings 4:29-34	Solomon's Fame
Saturday	1 Kings 6:1; 8:14-21	Solomon Builds the Temple
Sunday	1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:27-30, 41-43	Solomon's Prayer

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.

Gather some food from your pantry or the grocery store and donate it to a local food pantry or homeless shelter.

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