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**
  Loving God, keep us safe in the places we live and the places we visit. Keep us close so that we can be ever mindful of your love for us. Keep us together so that we can strengthen our relationships within our families, with our neighbors, and with those we meet out in the world. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- **Highs and Lows:** Name one way that you felt accepted today. Name one way that you felt rejected.
- **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Jesus begins his ministry teaching that he was there for the people others ignored. When did someone pay attention to you? When did you feel ignored?
- **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus calls the first disciples, who were fishermen, to follow him. What did you do to follow Jesus today? How did you turn away from him in your actions?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

- Hold hands, and say the Lord's Prayer together.

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, mark one another with the sign of the cross each other's hands or forehead, and say, **"Go, and serve others in Jesus' name. Amen."**

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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Then [Jesus] began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
– Luke 4:14-15.

MEALTIME PRAYER

God, bless the food you have provided. Bless the people around us. Bless the love that weaves us together. Bless the world you have created. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Ask yourself as you read: ***What is Jesus called do? What does Jesus call you to do?***

Sunday	Luke 4:14-30	Jesus Brings Good News
Monday	Isaiah 58:6-12	Loosing Bonds of Injustice
Tuesday	1 Kings 17:8-14	Elijah and the Widow
Wednesday	2 Kings 5:1-17	The Healing of Naaman
Thursday	Luke 4:31-37	The Man with the Unclean Spirit
Friday	Luke 4:38-41	Healings at Simon's House
Saturday	Luke 4:42-44	Jesus Preaches in the Synagogues
Sunday	Luke 5:1-11	Jesus Fishes for People

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.

Plan a special evening at home with the ones you love: eat a meal together, play a game, or watch a movie.

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