



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way.

—John 4:50

## MEALTIME PRAYER

God of life, bring us health and happiness through this food and the love of those around us. Help us to share your healing love with others. Amen.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What is Jesus doing in these stories? Why do you think he is doing them?**

Sunday	John 4:46-54	Healing Miracles
Monday	John 5:1-18	Jesus Heals on the Sabbath
Tuesday	John 5:19-29	Jesus' Authority Comes from God
Wednesday	John 5:30-47	Relationship between Jesus and John
Thursday	John 6:1-15	Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand
Friday	John 6:16-21	Jesus Walks on Water
Saturday	John 8:12-20	Jesus Is the Light of the World
Sunday	John 9:1-41	Spiritual Blindness

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.

Pray together each day this week for doctors, nurses, and other healthcare workers. Brainstorm ideas on how to support them and do one small action.

# 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, sometimes we have a difficult time trusting you. Sometimes we want to see signs and wonders first. Give us the faith, hope, and peace to help us follow you in both happy times and difficult times. Amen.

## **CARING CONVERSATION**

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

- ♀ **Highs & Lows:** What made you frustrated today? What made you happy?
- ♀ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** The royal official was worried about his son's illness before Jesus healed him. What was something that caused you worry today? What gave you peace or joy?
- ♀ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus explains himself and his mission to his listeners, but they are not understanding him. What has been confusing or hard to understand today? What has been easy or fun?

## **DAILY BIBLE READING**

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

## **PRAY TOGETHER**

† Have each person say something that they would like healing for. Everyone else lays a hand on them with their permission and prays for God's healing.

## **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 each other's hands or forehead, and say, “May Jesus bring you peace and joy. Amen.”*

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