

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, you have given us the best news, that Jesus our Lord has risen from the dead. We praise you now and forever! Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs and Lows:** What made you happy today? What made you unhappy?
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** The female disciples were confused and terrified at the empty tomb, but this terror later turned to joy. What confused or scared you today? What gave you joy?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** In next week's story, the disciples do not recognize Jesus, even though he is walking and talking with them. What is one thing that happened today that might be a "blessing in disguise"?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

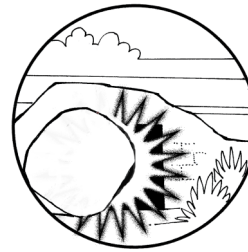
- ✠ God of the Ages, you continue to bless us, even when we fall short. (Have each person go around the circle and name one thing they've been blessed with over the last week.)

CLOSING

- ✠ If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.
- ✠ **Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share**
Mark the sign of the cross on each other's foreheads or hands and say, "He is risen, he is risen indeed!"

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Luke 24:1-12



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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."
—Luke 24:5

MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord of Life, we praise you as the Risen One who defeated death forever. Bless our food and our fellowship. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Listen as you read: **What do you hear God saying in each of these stories?**

Sunday	Luke 24:1-12	Jesus Has Risen!
Monday	Romans 5:12-21	Adam and Christ
Tuesday	Romans 6:1-11	Dying and Rising with Christ
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	The Institution of the Lord's Supper
Thursday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	The Resurrection of Christ
Friday	Hebrews 1:1-4	God Has Spoken by the Son
Saturday	Hebrews 10:1-10	Christ's Sacrifice Once for All
Sunday	Luke 24:13-35	The Road to Emmaus

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.

Contact a local nursing home and ask if there is anything you and your family can do to serve its residents.