

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

Lord God, it is too easy for us to give in to peer pressure instead of living the way you call us to. Give us the strength and courage to live out your love every day. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs and Lows:** What is something good you have done today? What is something not-so-good you have done?
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Paul stood up to Peter, an apostle and important leader in the church. Have you stood up for something that was right today? Was there an opportunity that you missed?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** We continue to read from Paul's Letter to the Galatians. He proclaims that the things that divide us from each other are removed in Jesus. What barriers or divisions have you experienced or seen today?

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, go around the circle and say to one another, "All of God's promises are for you, _____ (name)."

CLOSING

✠ If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.

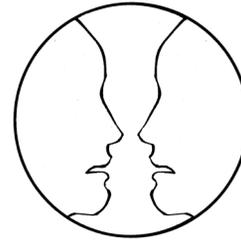
✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

Mark the sign of the cross on each other's foreheads or hands and say, "You are precious and beloved in God's sight!"

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Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ.

—Galatians 2:16

MEALTIME PRAYER

Saving God, nourish us with this food and drink and fellowship. Nourish us also with your Word, that we may rest in your unconditional love and then rise ready to do your work. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21	Saved by Faith
Monday	Galatians 1:1-12	Paul, Servant of the Gospel
Tuesday	Galatians 1:18-24	Paul's Apostleship
Wednesday	Acts 11:1-18	Peter's Report to the Church
Thursday	Romans 3:21-31	Righteousness through Faith
Friday	2 Peter 3:14-16	Peter Speaks of Paul
Saturday	Acts 28:23-28	Paul Preaches in Rome
Sunday	Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29	A Church Divided

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.

Watch or read some local, national, or international news together. Spend time afterward praying for the people and situations you have learned about.