

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 travel with us in our daily lives. You find us in the tough spots of life like you did with Joseph. Help us to trust you when we are scared and feel alone. You promise to be with us in the good times and the bad. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** Where did you find yourself today that made you smile? Where did you find yourself today that made you frown?
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Joseph lived his life always looking for the silver lining. No matter where he found himself, Joseph found the good in things. Can you name one good thing that happened today? What made that time good?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** God parts the Red Sea to save the lives of the Israelites from the Egyptians. How did you interact with water today? How is the water you saw or experienced life-giving?

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, you are with us when it seems like life is going great. And, you are with us when it seems like life is rotten. Thank you for being ever-present in our lives. Amen.

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 is also with you, no matter what. Amen."

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Genesis 39:1-23



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love.

- Genesis 39:21

MEALTIME PRAYER

Dear God, we ask that you be with us as we eat. We ask that you be with us while we sleep. We ask that you be with us as we are apart. We ask that you send your love into this world through us. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Something to consider as you read: **What are the people doing in each story? What is God doing in each story?**

Sunday	Genesis 39:1-23	Joseph's Hope
Monday	Genesis 41:1-13	Pharaoh's Dream
Tuesday	Genesis 41:14-45	Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dream
Wednesday	Genesis 47:1-12	Jacob and His Sons Come to Egypt
Thursday	Exodus 1:8-14	Slavery in Egypt
Friday	Exodus 3:1-17	Words of Liberation from the Bush
Saturday	Exodus 5:1-9	"Let My People Go"
Sunday	Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29	Parting of the Red Sea

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.

All families go through hard times. Can you think of a family that could use a little extra help this week? Decide together one thing you could do for them. Ideas could include to make a meal, write a letter or help them with childcare.