

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

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** Name one thing that went well today. Name one thing that did not go so well today.
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Nathan tells a story to King David about wanting something that is not his. Can you name one thing today that you wanted but could not have? How did that make you feel?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** How do you define wisdom? Name one way you exercised your wisdom 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

✠ Dear God, create a newness in our hearts. Help us to love. Help us to care. Help us to share our hearts with others. 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 has made you clean in God's love. Amen.**"

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2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.

- Psalm 51:1

MEALTIME PRAYER

God of mercy, love, and abundance, hear our prayers. You provide us with food to eat, water to drink and people to share our lives with. Bless this food to our bodies so that we may be about your work in the world. 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	2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9	Nathan and King David
Monday	2 Samuel 12:10-25	The Fallout from David's Sin
Tuesday	Psalm 51:10-19	A Plea for Redemption and Transformation
Wednesday	2 Samuel 23:8-17	David's Mighty Warriors
Thursday	1 Kings 1:5-37	Intrigue in Old David's Palace
Friday	1 Kings 1:38-53	Solomon is Anointed as the Future King
Saturday	1 Kings 2:1-12	David's Advice to Solomon
Sunday	1 King 3:4-28	Solomon's Wisdom

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.

Make a collection box for your spare change this week. Bring your family's spare change as offering to church.