

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

Healer God, you worked to bring life to Naaman even in spite of his doubts. Help us to trust, to know, and to believe in your life-giving presence in our lives. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** Name one thing from today that made you feel good or healthy. Name one thing that made you feel bad or sick.
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** God healed Naaman from a skin disease when he bathed in a muddy river. It was a miracle. What did you see today that reminded you of a miracle? A newborn baby? Fall leaves? A new puppy?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** The story in Micah speaks of doing justice and loving kindness. Who were you kind to today? Did you see something today that was not fair? What did you do about it?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Have each person name one person who is sick or in need of healing. Say a prayer for a swift recovery.

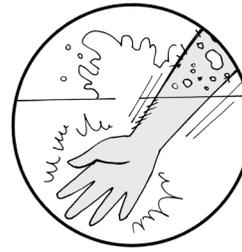
CLOSING

- ✠ 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 washed you and made you clean. Amen."

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2 Kings 5:1-15a



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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

- 2 Kings 5:15

MEALTIME PRAYER

With appreciation, we thank you for the meal before us. With thankfulness, we rejoice in the time we have together. With joy, we are grateful for your love and goodness, O God. 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 Kings 5:1-15a	Elisha Heals Naaman
Monday	2 Kings 6:1-7	Elisha and the Axe Head
Tuesday	2 Kings 16:1-20	The Reign of Ahaz
Wednesday	Isaiah 7:1-17	Isaiah's Message to Ahaz
Thursday	Psalms 46	A Song of Hope for the City
Friday	Isaiah 11:1-9	A Promised Hope, Part 1
Saturday	Isaiah 11:10-16	A Promised Hope, Part 2
Sunday	Micah [1:3-5] 5:2-5a; 6:6-8	Mercy, Justice, and Peace

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.

Naaman was in need of healing. Contact the office at your church to see if there is someone on the prayer list in need of healing to whom you could send a card or note of encouragement this week.