

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 of kindness and justice, help us to hear the prophets as they call us to have our worship and works connect with the real needs of this world. We need you to help us do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** Name one kind thing that you experienced today. Name one unkind thing that you experienced today.
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Part of Micah's message (5:2-4) is an assurance to the tiny town of Bethlehem that a great leader will come from there. This would be big news for a small town. What big news did you hear today? What's your opinion on the news you heard?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** King Hezekiah was afraid of the Assyrian army camped around Jerusalem, threatening to destroy the city. He goes to the prophet Isaiah for advice, and Isaiah tells Hezekiah not to be afraid but to trust in God. Was there a moment today that you were afraid?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Say together the Lord's Prayer.

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, "**Do justice; love kindness; and walk humbly with your God. Amen.**"

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Micah [1:3-5] 5:2-5a; 6:6-8



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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

What does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

- Micah 6:8

MEALTIME PRAYER

From dawn to dusk be with us, dear Lord. From the breaking of bread to the quiet of night be with us, dear Lord. Thank you for your gentle presence and loving hand to guide us, dear Lord. 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	Micah [1:3-5] 5:2-5a; 6:6-8	Mercy, Justice, and Peace
Monday	Amos 2:6-16	God's Judgment on Israel
Tuesday	Amos 5:4-13	Seek the LORD and Live
Wednesday	Amos 5:14-24	The LORD Desires Justice
Thursday	Habakkuk 1:1-17	Complaints Concerning Evil
Friday	Habakkuk 2:1-14	The Righteous Will Live by Faith
Saturday	Isaiah 6:1-13	Isaiah's Call
Sunday	Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; 2:1-4	God's Plan for 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.

Buy a box of individually-packaged snacks and a pack of water bottles to keep in your car. When you see someone in need, share a snack and a bottle of water with them.