

## DEVOTIONS

*Think about devotions is 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 sent your people to the ends of the earth to share your love with everybody. Send us now, your disciples, to be your love and grace and mercy to a world in need. Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** Is there something that you did today that made you really happy? Is there something that you did today that made you really sad?
- ❓ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Some people heard about Jesus' love from Paul and Silas, and they happily believed it. Others were unhappy with it. What news did you hear today? Did it make you happy or unhappy?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Paul spent time building tents with his friends. Name one thing that you built 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

✠ Name one thing that made you sad today and pray about it.

### 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 one another with the sign of the cross on each other's hands or forehead, and say, "May you go, help, and love others today. Amen."*

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Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

You received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers.

- 1 Thessalonians 1:6-7

### MEALTIME PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for all that you give us. Thank you for food and water, a home and a bed, but most of all, thank you for your joy and love. Amen.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What do you think is the point to each story?***

Sunday	Acts 17:1-9	The Church at Thessalonica
Monday	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 2:1-12	Leading a Life Worthy of God
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 2:13-16	Suffering for Christ
Thursday	Acts 17:10-15	Paul and Silas in Beroea
Friday	Acts 17:16-28	Paul Speaks in Athens
Saturday	Acts 17:29-34	Athens Responds to Paul
Sunday	Acts 18:1-4	The Church at Corinth

*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.*

Invite one person over for a meal this week and share in the gift of food and friendship together.