

## 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 have sent prophets and preachers like Jeremiah to call us back to you when we have strayed. Give us ears to hear challenging words, and give us the will to change our ways. You have promised mercy and grace to us, and for that we are thankful. Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ♀ **Highs & Lows:** Name something that was easy to do today. Name something that was hard to do.
- ♀ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** A prophet is someone who tells other people about God and God's word. How might (or how did) you share God's word or God's love with other people today?
- ♀ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Habakkuk struggles with the injustices in his community. Did you see something today that was unfair in your community, at school, or at work? What was it? Is there anything you can 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

† Dear God, thank you for \_\_\_\_\_. Help me \_\_\_\_\_. Amen.

### CLOSING

† If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.

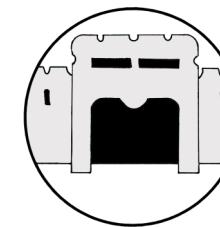
#### Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

With permission, mark one another with the sign of the cross on the forehead, and say, "Go forth into the world and tell others about the love of God. Amen."

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Jeremiah 1:4-10; 7:1-11



# ***Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home***

#### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.

- Jeremiah 1:8

#### MEALTIME PRAYER

God, the harvest is done, and the earth is at rest. Our table is laid with your bounty. We thank you for how you provide for us day in and day out. 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	Jeremiah 1:4-10; 7:1-11	Jeremiah's Call
Monday	Jeremiah 24:1-10	An Object Lesson from Jeremiah
Tuesday	Jeremiah 28:1-17	Competing Prophecies
Wednesday	Jeremiah 31:1-14	A Promise of Restoration, Part 1
Thursday	Jeremiah 31:15-30	A Promise of Restoration, Part 2
Friday	Jeremiah 37:1-21	Jeremiah's Hard and Faithful Message
Saturday	Jeremiah 39:1-18	Jerusalem Falls
Sunday	Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4; 3:[3b-6], 17-19	Waiting and Watching

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.

Each day, write down one or two things from each person in the family that you are grateful for. At the end of the week, read the entire list.