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Scripture Verses for the Week:

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- Cut out & carry with you.
- Say at each mealtime.
- Read at bedtime.
- Commit to memory.

Prayer for this Week:

Lord Jesus, please lead me through my doubts to stronger faith in you. Amen. (John 20:26-28)

For Throughout the Day:

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me peace. Help me to live at peace with others. Amen. (John 20:26, Psalm 133:1)

A Blessing to Share:

May the risen Lord Jesus give you peace, and always keep your faith in him strong. Amen.

Mealtime Refrain:

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God:
Those who believe have true life through him. (John 20:31)

Mealtime Prayer:

Loving God, thank you for your good gifts. Unite us as we gather together. Make us one with you and one another. Amen.

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- Share about a time when you felt close to your family or to another group of people.
- 1 John 1:3-4 speaks about “fellowship”? What is fellowship? What does it mean to have fellowship with God?
- How does our fellowship with God give us fellowship with other people? How is this shown?

Devotional Practices:

1 John 1:9 tells us of God’s wonderful forgiveness. In your home devotion time this week confess your sins together and celebrate God’s grace given through Jesus.

Words of Confession: All say together:

Almighty God, we admit that we are sinners. We have sinned against you and others by what we have thought, said and done. We ask for your mercy. Please be kind to us for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness: The leader says:

The Bible says that we think that we haven’t sinned we are fooling ourselves. But if we admit our sins to God, he can always be trusted to forgive us. God has been kind to us. He has given his only Son Jesus to die for us, and we are forgiven because of him. We can go in peace. Amen.

Give each other hugs or handshakes as a symbol of God’s forgiveness.

Service:

April 22 is observed across the world as EARTH DAY. For Christians, Earth Day is an occasion to thank God for creation and reflect on how we might better care for what he has given us. Decide on one thing you can do as a household to better protect the environment e.g. to use less power at home, recycle waste, plant trees, collect litter.

Rituals and Traditions:

What does your household stand for? What gives your household a sense of togetherness or unity? Take time out to discuss these questions with each other. Then design a Household Shield or Logo, incorporating symbols that reflect your household’s unique identity and purpose. You may wish to include reference to a bible verse such as Psalm 133:1. Place your finished shield or logo design in a prominent place. Use it to help you remember what is most important in your life.

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