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Scripture Verse for this 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, you are the true light. Please shine into my life. Amen. (John 1:9)

For Throughout the Day:

Lord God, thank you for choosing me to be yours. Help me to make good choices that please you. Amen. (Ephesians 1:11-12)

A Blessing to Share:

Child of God, may the light of Jesus shine on you. Amen. (John 1:9,11)

Mealtime Refrain:

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God, bless our food, guide our ways, give us grace, and hear our praise. Amen.



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Faith Talk:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Have you ever felt lost in the dark? Share your story.
- John 1:9 says that Jesus is the “true light who gives light to everyone”. How is Jesus the “true light”?
- How has Jesus been a light for you?

Devotional Practices:

January 6 is the day of Epiphany in the church. The word epiphany means “to show”, “to make known” or “to reveal.” It is linked to the visit of the wise men who brought royal gifts to the Christ child, “revealing” him to the world as Lord and King. Light is a key image or symbol associated with Epiphany.

As part of your household devotional times this week, read the story of the wise men’s visit from a Bible or Bible storybook (Matthew 2:1-12). If possible, act out the story as a household. Discuss what “gifts” you offer to Jesus in your lives. Sing together the carol “We Three Kings”.

Service:

A bright star guided the wise men to the home of Jesus. Bake or prepare star-shaped cookies to give away as gifts to children in your church or local community.

Rituals and Traditions:

There are many great household ideas for celebrating Epiphany. Choose one or more for your household.

1. Have a home candlelight evening – turn off all lights and use only candles to guide you. If it is a clear night, take a few minutes to look at the stars.
2. Play dress-ups – put on costumes to represent the wise men.
3. Have an Epiphany treasure hunt – “hide” a baby Jesus figure somewhere in your home and have household members search for it.
4. Make stars out of card and paint them gold or yellow. Hang them throughout your home.
5. An old Epiphany tradition involves hiding small items in cake. On the night before the feast of Epiphany, a special cake would be served with three beans hidden within. Whoever found the beans would be the Kings at the Epiphany feast. In line with this tradition, bake a cake with coins inside. Give those who find the coins a paper crown to wear.

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