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- Cut out & carry with you.
- Say at each mealtime.
- Read at bedtime.
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Prayer for this Week:

Lord God, teach me not to trust in human thinking, but to look to Jesus to guide me. Amen. (1 Corinthians 1:25,30)

For Throughout the Day:

Lord, may the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be pleasing in your eyes. You are my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen. (Psalm 19:14)

A Blessing to Share:

May God make you wise, so that you believe in Jesus and are saved. Amen. (1 Corinthians 1:18-21)

Mealtime Refrain:

God's decisions are correct and fair:
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Faith Talk:

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- What makes you feel angry? Why?
- Jesus became angry when he saw that the temple was being used as a marketplace. Why do you think he felt that way?
- What stops you from worshipping God? What helps you?

Devotional Practices:

Exodus 20 tells the story of how God gave us the Ten Commandments. They tell us how God wants us to live. In your home devotional time this week, focus on the Ten Commandments, two at a time. Talk about what each one means, and pray for God's help to keep them. Try to memorize them.

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Friday: *You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his manservant or his maidservant or his cattle or anything that is your neighbor's.*

Service:

On Easter Sunday we give gifts to each other (often Easter eggs) as a symbol of the gift of new life God gives to us through Jesus. Choose some people beyond your household to whom to give small Easter gifts this year. Purchase or make what you need, and prepare Easter cards or gift tags.

Rituals and Traditions:

The temple was a "sacred place" for God's Old Testament people. Talk together about what are sacred places or items for your household, through which you are reminded of God's presence. Design a sacred place especially for Lent: decorate an area in your home with a cross, candles and various items, symbols or pictures associated with Lent (you may wish to use lots of purple, the church color for Lent).

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