

# FEAST *with* JESUS

FAMILY  
COMPANION

# *tips for FAMILIES*

## **STEP 1: GATHER TOGETHER**

Set aside a dedicated time each day for your family to come together to read God's Word. The best time is usually right after breakfast or dinner.

## **STEP 2: READ THE SCRIPTURE**

Start each devotional by reading the designated Scripture passage aloud. Encourage each family member to take turns reading.

## **STEP 3: READ THE COMPANION DEVOTIONAL**

Recommended for parents with older children. For those with younger children, use for personal study.

## **STEP 4: TALK ABOUT IT**

Use the questions provided to guide your family's discussion as you look to Christ and apply God's Word to your life.

## **STEP 5: PRAY & SING TOGETHER**

Conclude each devotional with the provided prayer and Christmas carol.



Scan the QR code for a playlist of the advent carols featured for each day's reading

# November 30

## ABRAHAM SERVED GOD A MEAL

*Genesis 18:1-15*

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

**Jesus came to sit at our table so we could one day sit at His.**

Have you ever had someone special come over for a meal?  
How did you get ready for him or her?

Why do you think God came to eat with Abraham?  
What did this meal show about His love and promises?

How does this meal remind us of Jesus coming to be  
“God with us” at Christmas?

### CHALLENGE

Who could you share with or welcome today to  
remind them of how kind and close God is?

### PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for coming close to us. Help us welcome  
others with the same love You show to us. Thank You that  
one day we will feast with you forever. Amen.

### SONG

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

Reminds us that God comes  
near to dwell with His people.

# December 1

## A TABLE OF RECONCILIATION

*Genesis 43:15-34*

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

**When we were enemies of God,  
He reconciled us to Himself through Jesus.**

Have you ever had a fight with someone in your family or a friend?  
What helped you make things right again?

How did Joseph show kindness to his brothers at this meal,  
even after all they had done to him?

How does this story help us look ahead to Jesus,  
who forgives us and welcomes us to His table?

### CHALLENGE

Is there someone you need to make peace  
with or show kindness to today?

### PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for forgiving us when we rebelled against You.  
Help us forgive others like You forgave us. Thank You for welcoming  
us to Your table and for being our Peace. Amen.

### SONG

***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

Celebrates the peace Jesus brings  
between God and people.

# December 2

## EAT IT IN HASTE

*Exodus 12:1-13*

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

**By faith in Jesus, God delivers us from death to life.**

Have you ever had to get ready for something really quickly, like packing for a trip or leaving in a hurry? How did it feel?

What did God tell the Israelites to do before they left Egypt, and why did they have to eat the meal so fast?

How does this meal help us understand what Jesus did for us on the cross?

### CHALLENGE

How has God rescued you, and are you following Him with a ready heart?

### PRAYER

God, thank You for saving Your people by the blood of the Passover Lamb. Help us remember that You are strong to rescue and quick to forgive. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### SONG

***It Came Upon the Midnight Clear***

Celebrates the peace and rest God gives to His people through Jesus.

# December 3

## THEY SAW GOD, THEY ATE AND DRANK

*Exodus 24:9-11*

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

**Sinners can't stand before God's glory,  
but in Jesus we are brought near.**

Have you ever seen something so amazing it made you stop and stare? What was it like?

Why was it such a big deal that Moses and the elders could see God and eat in His presence without dying?

How does Jesus make it possible for us to enjoy God's presence safely and joyfully?

### CHALLENGE

What's one way you could give glory to God in what you think, say, or do today?

### PRAYER

God, You are holy and full of glory, yet You invite us close through Jesus. Thank you for not treating us the way our sin deserves but by looking at us like Your beloved Son. Help us worship Him with awe and joy. Amen.

### SONG

***Angels We Have Heard on High***

Rejoices in the glory of God made known to us through Jesus:  
"Gloria in excelsis Deo — Glory to God in the highest."

# December 4

## EATING IN CHURCH

*Leviticus 7:11-15*

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

**We give our offerings, but Jesus gives Himself so we can be presented to God.**

What has been your most memorable meal, and what made it so remarkable?

Why did God want His people to share their peace offerings as a meal together?

How does Jesus give us a better feast when we gather to worship Him?

### CHALLENGE

What are the spaces in your day where you can offer thanks to God in a way that invites others to feast on his goodness too?

### PRAYER

God, thank You that Jesus gave Himself for us so we can dwell and dine with You. Help us celebrate Your goodness and share it with joy. Amen.

### SONG

***The First Noel***

Praises Jesus, who offered Himself to bring peace between God and His people.

# December 5

## BREAD FOR THE OUTSIDER

Ruth 2:1-23

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

Apart from Jesus we are outsiders, but in Christ we are welcomed as family at the Lord's table.

Have you ever been the “new kid” or felt left out?  
How did it feel?

How did Boaz show kindness and provide for Ruth when she was in need?

How does Jesus welcome people like Ruth to His table today?

### CHALLENGE

What are some ways you can show kindness or share God's goodness with someone who feels left out today?

### PRAYER

God, thank You for welcoming us even when we are outsiders in our sin. Help us share Your kindness and make others feel included at Your table. Amen.

### SONG

*What Child Is This?*

Points to Jesus, who comes to provide for us and welcome all to His table.

# December 6

## MERCY AT THE KING'S TABLE

*2 Samuel 9:1-13*

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

**We were helpless and unworthy, but Jesus shows us mercy and gives us a seat of honor.**

Have you ever been surprised by someone's kindness when you didn't deserve it? What did that feel like?

Why was it such a big deal that King David invited Mephibosheth—a man who couldn't help himself—to eat at his table?

How does this story show us what Jesus does for us?

### CHALLENGE

What's one way you can remember today that everything you have is a gift from God?

### PRAYER

King Jesus, thank You for showing mercy to us when we didn't deserve it. Help us live with thankful hearts and treat others with the same mercy You've shown us. Amen.

### SONG

***O Little Town of Bethlehem***

Emphasizes the quiet mercy of God's arrival among the lowly and undeserving.

# December 7

## BOTTOMLESS BUFFET

1 Kings 17:1-16

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

**On our own we run out, but in Jesus we have more than enough.**

Have you ever run out of something important—like food, time, or energy? How did that make you feel?

How did God care for the widow and Elijah when there seemed to be nothing left?

What does this story teach us about trusting Jesus to provide what we truly need?

### CHALLENGE

Where do you feel like you don't have enough today? Ask God to help you trust His care and thank Him for what He's already provided.

### PRAYER

God, You never run out of kindness or care. Thank You for giving us everything we need through Jesus. Help us trust You when things feel scarce and share Your goodness with others. Amen.

### SONG

***Away in a Manger***

Reminds us that the same Jesus who had so little on earth provides everything we need in His love.

# December 8

## BREAD FOR THE WEARY

1 Kings 19:1-8

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

**When we are weak and weary Jesus gives us strength and life through His presence.**

Have you ever been so tired or sad that you just wanted to give up? What helped you keep going?

How did God care for Elijah when he was tired and afraid?

How does Jesus feed and strengthen us when we feel weary today?

### CHALLENGE

Is there someone who needs encouragement today? Ask God to show you how you can help them find strength in Him.

### PRAYER

God, thank You for giving us rest and strength when we are weak. Help us remember that You care for us like You cared for Elijah. Fill us with Your peace and help us share it with others. Amen.

### SONG

***Silent Night***

Gently celebrates the rest and peace that Jesus brings to a weary world.

# December 9

## EAT THE FAT, DRINK SWEET WINE

*Nehemiah 8:9-12*

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

**Our sorrow over sin turns to joy  
because Jesus has forgiven us.**

Can you remember a time you felt really sorry for something you did wrong? What happened afterward?

Why did Nehemiah tell the people not to be sad, but to celebrate?

How does knowing Jesus forgives our sins change the way we live?

### CHALLENGE

What's one area in your life where you can ask God to transform your sorrow into joy, knowing He is your strength?

### PRAYER

God, thank You for exposing our sin through Your Law; but most of all, thank You for turning our sadness into joy through Jesus. Help us remember that Your forgiveness is worth celebrating every day. Amen.

### SONG

***Joy to the World***

Rejoices that Jesus has come to bring forgiveness, joy, and new life to all people.

# December 10

## JESUS SAVES THE DAY

*John 2:1-11*

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

**Our emptiness becomes abundance  
because Jesus gives us true joy.**

Have you ever gone to a party or celebration that didn't go as planned? How did it go?

What problem did Mary bring to Jesus at the wedding, and how did He respond?

What does this miracle show us about who Jesus is and what He came to do?

### CHALLENGE

What's one area in your life that feels empty or ordinary? Ask Jesus to fill it with His joy and help you see His goodness and transformative power there.

### PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for bringing joy and fullness where we feel empty. Help us trust You with every part of our lives and celebrate the goodness You provide. Even in the ordinary, make us holy like You. Amen.

### SONG

***Good Christian Men, Rejoice***

Celebrates the joy and gladness that overflow when Jesus enters our lives.

# December 11

## FEASTING WITH SINNERS

*Luke 5:27-31*

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

**Jesus exchanges His righteousness for our sin at the table of His grace.**

Have you ever been invited to something that surprised you because you never expected to receive an invitation? Share what that was like.

Why were the Pharisees upset that Jesus ate with tax collectors and sinners?

What does this story show us about the kind of people Jesus came to save?

### CHALLENGE

Who is someone you might usually overlook or avoid? How does the way Jesus treats overlooked people change the way you treat others?

### PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for inviting sinners like us to Your table.

Help us respond to Your invitation with gratitude and remember that Your grace is enough to make us welcome.

Teach us to welcome others the same way. Amen.

### SONG

***God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen***

Rejoices in the comfort and joy of God's mercy that came through Jesus to save sinners.

# December 12

## DINNER PARTY CRASHER

*Luke 7:36-50*

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

**Our great sin meets an even greater Savior in Jesus.**

When have you wanted to show someone how thankful you were? What did you do?

Why was the woman's act of love toward Jesus so shocking to those watching?

How does Jesus show that forgiveness—not our reputation or good works—is what truly brings peace with God?

### CHALLENGE

What's your heart posture toward Jesus today? How can remembering the depth of His forgiveness lead you to love and worship God more fully?

### PRAYER

God, thank You for forgiving our sins and welcoming us close, even when we don't deserve it. Help us to not ignore our sin, but to confess it – knowing that Your grace is magnified through Jesus when we do. We love You because You loved us first. Amen.

### SONG

***O Come, All Ye Faithful***

Calls us to come humbly and joyfully before Jesus, the One who welcomes and forgives sinners.

# December 13

## FIVE LOAVES, TWO FISH

*Luke 9:10-17*

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

**Jesus abundantly provides what we lack  
even “belief” when we doubt.**

Have you ever tried to help someone when it didn't seem like you had enough to give? What happened?

What did the disciples think when Jesus asked them to feed the crowd? What did Jesus show them about who He is?

How does this story help us see that Jesus provides not just for our immediate needs, but our eternal need too?

### CHALLENGE

How can you be generous today, knowing that God multiplies our gifts for His glory and our good?

### PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for providing more than we could ever imagine. When we feel like we don't have enough, remind us that You are enough. Help our unbelief and strengthen our trust in You so that we faithfully give back what You have graciously given us. Amen.

### SONG

***As with Gladness Men of Old***

Celebrates those who sought and worshiped Christ, the true Light who abundantly provides for all who come to Him.

# December 14

## I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

*John 6:25-40*

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

**Only Jesus can satisfy the deepest hunger of our hearts.**

What's one meal or food that always makes  
you feel full and happy?

Why did the crowd keep following Jesus after He fed them?  
What were they really hungry for?

How does Jesus give us something better than  
food that fills our stomachs?

### CHALLENGE

What's one way you can "feed" on Jesus this week?

### PRAYER

Jesus, You are the Bread of Life who fills us completely.  
Forgive us for chasing after things that can't truly satisfy.  
Teach us to hunger for You above all else and to find  
our joy and contentment in You. Amen.

### SONG

***He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd***

from Handel's Messiah — invites us to rest and be nourished by  
Christ, our gentle Shepherd who satisfies every longing heart.

# December 15

## FRAGRANCE AT THE FEAST

*John 12:1-8*

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

Through Jesus, our rotten and sinful lives are transformed to become a pleasing aroma to God.

What's something that's really valuable or special to you?

Why did Mary pour out her expensive perfume for Jesus?

How is Jesus' life and death the true fragrance that pleases God?

### CHALLENGE

What's one way you can give or serve in a way that shows Jesus is more valuable to you than anything else?

### PRAYER

Jesus, You are worth more than all the treasures in the world. Help us worship You with thankful hearts and generous lives, like Mary did. May everything we do spread the sweet fragrance of Your love to others. Amen.

### SONG

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Calls all creation to come and worship Christ alone, the One who is worthy of our praise.

# December 16

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR GUESTS AND HOSTS

Luke 14:1-14

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

**Jesus humbles the proud and honors the humble.**

Can you think of a time when you felt proud and were humbled soon after?

What did Jesus notice about how the guests chose their seats at the feast?

How does Jesus' teaching change the way we think about showing honor and serving others?

### CHALLENGE

Look for one way to put someone else first this week — not to be noticed, but to follow Jesus' example of humility?

### PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for inviting us to Your table and showing us what true humility looks like. We confess that we are so often proud, when we should be humble. Teach us to serve others the way You served us, and to honor those the world overlooks. Amen.

### SONG

***Magnificat (My Soul Will Magnify the Lord)***

A song of humble praise, echoing Mary's joy that God exalts the lowly and fills the hungry with good things.

# December 17

## JESUS INVITES HIMSELF TO SUPPER

*Luke 19:1-10*

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

**When we meet Jesus, selfish hearts are transformed to be generous and glad.**

Can you think of a time when someone noticed or included you when you didn't expect it?

Why were people upset that Jesus chose to eat with Zacchaeus?

What does Zacchaeus's change of heart show us about what happens when we meet Jesus?

### CHALLENGE

How can you show generosity and gladness today because Jesus has changed your heart?

### PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for seeing us, knowing us, and loving us even when we were selfish and focused on our happiness. Change our hearts like You changed Zacchaeus's, so that we gladly forgive and give – to the glory of Your Kingdom. Amen.

### SONG

***Go, Tell It on the Mountain***

Celebrates the good news that Jesus came to seek and save the lost, just as He did for Zacchaeus.

# December 18

## THE LAST SUPPER

*Matthew 26:17-30*

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

**At the cross, Jesus was broken so we could be made whole.**

Why are special meals at Christmas or birthdays important?

What promise does Jesus give at “The Last Supper”?  
How does this encourage you?

How does sharing in the Lord’s Supper help us  
remember His love and sacrifice?

### CHALLENGE

What are some ways you can point to Jesus’ great  
sacrifice on the cross in the way you live your life?

### PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for giving Your life for us so we can  
be forgiven and made new. Help us remember Your  
sacrifice, enjoy Communion with You and Your Church,  
proclaim Your death, and eagerly look forward the  
feast to come. Amen.

### SONG

***We Three Kings***

Looks beyond the manger to the cross, where the  
King who was born to die gives His life to bring us  
healing and hope.

# December 19

## TOOK BREAD, GAVE THANKS, BROKE IT

*Luke 24:13-35*

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

**When our eyes are blind to hope, Jesus opens them to see Him.**

Can you remember a time when you felt sad or confused, and something helped you understand what was really true?

What happened when the two travelers realized it was Jesus who had been walking with them?

How does Jesus make Himself known to us today?

### CHALLENGE

Where in your life do you need Jesus to open your eyes and remind you that He is with you?

### PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for walking with us even when we don't see You. Open our eyes to recognize Your presence and fill our hearts with joy and understanding as we read Your Word and share life with others. Amen.

### SONG

*Once in Royal David's City*

Reminds us that the risen Jesus, who once walked among us, now reigns in glory and will open our eyes to see Him face to face.

# December 20

## THE LAST PICNIC

*John 21:1-14*

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

**When we have nothing to show for ourselves,  
Jesus meets us with fullness and fellowship.**

Can you think of a time when you worked really hard on something but didn't get the results you hoped for?

How did Jesus show His care and love for the disciples when they had caught nothing all night?

What does it mean that Jesus not only provided fish but also invited them to eat with Him?

### CHALLENGE

Where do you need Jesus to help you start fresh today?  
Talk to Him and trust that He is a friend who forgives.

### PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for forgiving us when we fail and for bringing us back to You when we go our own way. You have filled our life with good gifts – from big important things to small insignificant details like a prepared meal. We love you, Lord. Amen.

### SONG

***I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day***

Reminds us that Jesus is alive and brings peace and joy to our hearts again.

# December 21

## EATING WITH CHURCH FRIENDS

*Acts 2:42-47*

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

**We crave friendship, but only Jesus provides true fellowship with God and one another.**

What's one of your favorite things to do with friends or family from church?

How did the early believers grow together in grace?

How does Jesus use these same means of grace—the apostles' teaching (God's Word), breaking bread (Communion), and prayer—to grow our faith and love today?

### CHALLENGE

Why do you think God's means of grace work best within the Church, not just as individuals?

### PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for not just calling us friends, but for making us part of Your family, the Church. Give us grateful hearts and help us to love God and others through the means of grace and fellowship that come from belonging to You. Amen.

### SONG

***O Savior of our Fallen Race***

Rejoices that Christ came near to restore fallen humanity and bring us into lasting fellowship with God through His grace.

# December 22

## EATING WITH UNCIRCUMCISED MEN

*Acts 11:1-18*

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

**Because of sin, we try to divide who belongs, but God's grace tells us that we are one in Christ.**

What does it mean to be a hypocrite? Has there ever been a time when you fell into the trap of hypocrisy?

Why were some people upset that Peter ate with those who weren't like them?

How does Jesus show that His love and forgiveness are for everyone who believes in Him?

### CHALLENGE

What's one way you can welcome someone this week the way Jesus welcomes you?

### PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank You for tearing down the walls that separate people. Remind us that we are all one in Christ by faith. Rid us of hypocrisy. Grant us Your gift of 'repentance that leads to life.'

Amen.

### SONG

***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence***

Invites us to look past earthly-minded things and behold Christ, who gives Himself 'for heav'nly food.'

# December 23

## EATING IN THE STORM

Acts 27:27-38

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

**When life feels out of control,  
Jesus gives us peace and strength to keep trusting Him.**

What's something that helps you feel calm  
when you're scared or worried?

Why did Paul tell everyone to eat, even  
though the storm was still raging?

How does this story show that God provides for us—not  
just with food, but with courage and faith too?

### CHALLENGE

Is there someone you know who might be feeling like  
they're in the middle of a storm? How could you  
help encourage and strengthen them today?

### PRAYER

Father in Heaven, thank You that even when everything  
around us feels uncertain, You are in control. When fear or  
forgetfulness take over, grant us courage that can only come  
from knowing You are with us. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

### SONG

***O Holy Night***

celebrates the peace and hope Jesus brings into  
the chaos of our world, reminding us to trust Him  
as our steadfast Savior.

# December 24

## THE WEDDING SUPPER OF THE LAMB

*Revelation 19:6-9*

### GOSPEL TAKEAWAY

All our waiting and longing end in joy because Jesus welcomes His people to the great feast that never ends.

What's the best celebration or party you've ever been to?  
What made it so special?

How is the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb" even better than the greatest celebration we can imagine?

What does this feast show us about Jesus' love for His Church?

### CHALLENGE

Is there someone in your life who doesn't know they've been invited by Jesus to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb? How could you help them know?

### PRAYER

Come, Lord Jesus! We long for the day when You'll wipe away every tear and welcome Your people to Your table forever. Thank You that through Your death and resurrection, we have a place at the feast of joy. Help us live in hope and readiness for Your return.  
Amen.

### SONG

***Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus***

Rejoices that the waiting of God's people ends in Jesus, the Lamb who has come to bring His Bride home to the eternal feast of joy.







**CORAL RIDGE  
FAMILIES**