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Tuesday	John 1:29-34	John's confession of Christ
Wednesday	Luke 9:18-22	Peter's confession of Christ
Thursday	John 12:20-26	A request to Philip
Friday	John 14:5-14	Philip questions Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 86	Walking in God's way
Sunday	Mark 1:14-20	Jesus calls disciples at the sea

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

"I am the way, the truth, and the life!" Jesus answered.
 "Without me, no one can go to the Father." **John 14:6 (CEV)**

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Jesus, Son of God, give us faith to follow you. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God bless this food, God bless this day, God keep us safe in every way. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you faith in his Son Jesus and help you to follow him. Amen.



CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Philip looked for Nathanael and brought him to Jesus. Who has brought you to Jesus?
- What does it mean to follow Jesus?
- In what ways is your life different because you follow Jesus?

DEVOTIONS:

Psalms 139:13-16 tells how each of us was specially and uniquely created by God and of his intimate love and concern for each of us. Read these verses in your home devotional time this week:

You created the deepest parts of my being. You put me together inside my mother's body. How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. None of my bones was hidden from you when you made me inside my mother's body. That place was as dark as the deepest parts of the earth. When you were putting me together there, your eyes saw my body even before it was formed. You planned how many days I would live. You wrote down the number of them in your book before I had lived through even one of them.

Share stories of where and when you were born. If possible, look at baby pictures of household members. Say prayers of thanks for each other.

SERVICE:

The weeks following Christmas are a good time to review the material possessions we have. Have each household member choose at least one item (of good working order!) they no longer use or could do without. Take these to a local charity or community resource center. Say a prayer of thanks for the many ways God provides for us.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

Make up a "Fun Box" that can help your household become more intentional about spending quality time together. The Fun Box will contain slips of paper listing activity ideas for the household. It can be plain or decorated, but with a lid of some sort. Working together as a household, make up a list of fun, inexpensive activities you can do together, and write each one down on a different slip of paper (e.g. going for a walk, playing a game, singing favorite songs, making biscuits, reading a favorite book together). When you feel the need for some "together time," have a household member draw out a slip of paper and then work on making the activity happen!



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