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

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**For Throughout the Day:**

Lord Jesus, please live and work in me so that other people may know your love. Amen. (Galatians 1:15,24)

**A Blessing to Share:**

*May God show you the special plans he has for you. May Jesus shine through you, today and always. Amen. (Galatians 1:15-16)*

**Mealtime Refrain:**

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**Faith Talk:**

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you felt sad. What made you feel that way?
- Read Luke 7:11-14. Who was sad? Why? How did Jesus react?
- How does Jesus help us when we are sad?

**Devotional Practices:**

In your home devotion times this week, pray for those who work with people who are sick. Include in your prayers the doctors, nurses, hospitals and other care institutions in your own community. As a reminder to pray, write the names of people and places on band-aids and affix these to your meal table.

**Service:**

Whom do you know who is sick or unwell? Plan a household act of kindness to encourage them e.g. put together a bouquet of flowers, visit with a plate of cookies, send them a handmade card.

**Rituals and Traditions:**

As a young man, the apostle Paul was "extremely zealous" about the "traditions" of Judaism (Galatians 1:14). When Jesus became his Lord he received a new way of life with new traditions. Take some time to talk together about household traditions. What were some traditions in the parent's homes when they were growing up? What are your household traditions and what makes them special? What are some new traditions you could begin? What traditions show you to be a household set apart by God and called by his grace? (Galatians 1:15).

Here is a list of some possible household traditions:

- No one can go to bed until they've told each member of the household "I love you."
- Take turns choosing a topic of discussion at the dinner table.
- Have a special dinner plate to be used by a household member who has a reason to celebrate.
- Have a household story time once a week before bed.
- Go for a nighttime walk on a certain evening each week.
- Keep a household journal, letting everyone write in it.
- For birthdays, each household member chooses his or her favorite menu, then everyone except the birthday person helps prepare the meal.

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