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Prayer for this Week:

Lord Jesus, teach me to forgive as you forgive. Amen.
(Luke 23:34)

For Throughout the Day:

Lord Jesus, King of kings, come and rule over me. Amen.

A Blessing to Share:

May God make you patient and strong, so that you never give up. Amen. (Colossians 1:11)

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Faith Talk:

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- Imagine that a king is coming to your house today. How will you prepare for his visit?
- How is Jesus like an earthly king? How is he different?
- What does it mean to have Jesus as your King?

Devotional Practices:

Use this simple liturgy based on Colossians 1:12-14 to begin your home devotional times this week.

Preparation:

Gather together matches, one candle for each household member and an additional "Christ candle". Darken your devotional area by turning off any lights and closing doors and curtains.

Leader: We were under the power of darkness. But God gave Jesus the Light into the world to save us. *(Light the Christ candle).*

All: **God brought us into the kingdom of Jesus his Son. We now belong to the kingdom of light.** *(The other candles are lit from the Christ candle).*

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All: Thanks be to God, forever and ever. Amen.

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