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**SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

God, you have done many wonderful things for us. None can compare with you! Amen.

**Epiphany Mealtime Prayer:**

Christ our light, shine upon us. Refresh us through this meal to reflect your love to others. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May God's love and faithfulness always protect you, taking care of you when trouble comes, and giving you a firm place to stand. Amen.



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### CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a kind thing a brother, sister or friend has done for you.
- When Andrew heard that Jesus was the Messiah, the first thing he did was search for his brother Simon and bring him to meet Jesus (John 1:40-42). In what ways do you help others meet Jesus?
- Who has introduced you to Jesus?

### DEVOTIONS:

This week, churches around the world will be observing the 103rd "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity." Make a list of the Christian churches in your region, town or suburb. This week, pray for one or more of these churches in each of your home devotional times. Pray for the pastors and leaders of these congregations and for God's blessing upon the ministry of each congregation. Pray that the churches in your area might grow in working together.

### SERVICE:

In John 1 we hear that John the Baptist pointed two of his disciples to Jesus. They followed Jesus and spent the day with him. Andrew, in turn, introduced his brother Simon Peter to Jesus. Is there an individual or household you could invite to spend a Sunday with you – perhaps to come to your church and then for a midday meal? Prepare to invite them and to offer them your hospitality.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

Mealtimes offer wonderful opportunities for sharing, connection, hospitality, and value formation - but these things do not come automatically! Consider these steps to make the most of your mealtimes:

- When you eat, turn off the TV and other forms of media.
- Try not to worry about accidental messes. Focus on the bigger picture – time together with one another.
- Avoid using this time to raise issues or being critical. Encourage affirmation, sharing of news and ideas, and other positive communication.
- Establish clear rules and boundaries e.g. asking, not reaching; using inside voices; saying "please" and "thank you"; asking for permission before leaving the table; and waiting for your turn to speak.

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