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**For Throughout the Day:**

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**Mealtime Refrain:**

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**A Blessing to Share:**

May the Lord Jesus give you faith to follow him, bless you with his healing touch, and raise you to new life with him.  
Amen.

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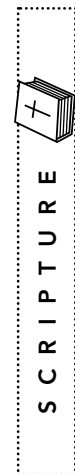
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- Jesus ate dinner at Matthew's home (Matthew 9:10). How does Jesus "show up" in your home?
- In what ways is your home a place where others experience Jesus' love?

**Devotional Practices:**

Matthew 9:20-22 tells us about a woman who touched Jesus' cloak and was healed. For your family devotional times this week, place a small towel in your midst to symbolize the cloak of Jesus. Hold onto it as you pray for Jesus to bring his healing to you, to your wider family, and to others.

**Service:**

At Matthew's house, Jesus shared a meal with many "outsiders".

- Think of a lonely person whom you know. Make plans for them to receive hospitality at your home.
- When you buy groceries, buy a couple of extra items to donate to a local food pantry serving the poor.
- When you prepare meals this week, freeze an extra serving to give to someone in your church family who is in need of support.

**Rituals and Traditions:**

Jesus showed his love and grace to Matthew by having dinner at his house (Matthew 9:10). Jesus is present with us in our homes whenever we gather together in his name! To symbolize Jesus' presence with your family, set an extra place at your mealtable this week. Include a candle to serve as your "Christ candle", and light it each time you come together.



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