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TABLE TALK

Pray to the Father

Prepare:

As one person lights a candle, the family reads together (adapted from Colossians 3:1-4):

- C: We have been raised with Christ,
- R: Let us then seek things that are above, where Christ is.
- C: Let us set our minds on things that are above,
- R: For we have died, and our life is hidden with Christ.

Read: Luke 12:13-21 (ESV)

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." 14 But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" 15 And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." 16 And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, 17 and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' 18 And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ' 20 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

Reflect:

Jesus calls his followers to turn from the things of the world, and follow him alone.

Take a moment to talk about what this passage means for you as a family. Now share with one another one thing you can do differently as a member of your family.

Praying:

The head of the household prays:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for sending us Your Son. Help us to follow Him where He leads us and not try to direct Him where we want to go. In Jesus's name, amen.