

God's Story Our Story

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5 simple steps to help bring your household closer to God and each other



SHARE
your highs and lows

Light a candle to help you focus this time as “God time.” **Share your highs and lows of the week**



READ
a Bible verse or story

A verse for the week:

Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.” Luke 19:8-10

If your household includes younger children you may want to use a children's Bible story book. If the assigned reading is not in your storybook, just choose another.

Monday: *Parable of the Ten Pounds*, Luke 19:11-28

Tuesday: *Jesus Cleanses the Temple*, Luke 19:45- 20:8

Wednesday: *Parable of Wicked Tenants*, Luke 20:9-19

Thursday: *Jesus is Questioned*, Luke 20:20-47

Friday: *The Widow's Offering*, Luke 21:1-19

Saturday: *Destruction of Jerusalem Foretold*, Luke 21:20-38

Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows. More discussion questions are on the back side.

A prayer for the week:

God of mercy , You never neglect your children in need. So bless us with your healing presence that we might follow you. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.



TALK
about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows



PRAY
for one another's highs and lows



BLESS
one another

Make the sign of the cross

“May God watch over you and protect you”

More resources for being the church at home this week

No sight? No height? No problem. Jesus has a way of finding those who truly seek his attention. And as we should have learned by now, even a brief encounter with the Son of God has the power to transform a life forever.

A meal time prayer:

Loving God, we give you all the praise for all you have blessed us with. We pray right now for all those who are hungry and that you would bless them with fresh manna for their bodies and their souls. Amen.

More questions for conversation:

1. Who in your community has fallen from grace? How might they be restored? What part can you play in lifting up those who have fallen?
2. How focused are you on fairness? Could you give more than is fair? How might such generosity change you? How might it change the ones to whom you give?

Ideas for putting faith in action:

By acting on what we learn we make God's word come alive.

Gather together everything you are not using from all of your families' closets and take them to a thrift store. These items will be a blessing to someone else!

Make physical and spiritual fitness a priority this week. Add more exercise, healthy foods, and sleep to your routine. Add more meditation, prayer, and stillness to your routine. How does your contribution to your wellness help Jesus heal your body and spirit?

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