

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: *When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”* Luke 24:30-32

Sunday: *Emmaus Road*, Luke 24:13-35

Monday: *Peter and John before the Council*, Acts 4:1-22

Tuesday: *Believers Pray*, Acts 4:23-31

Wednesday: *Believers Share*, Acts 4:32-37

Thursday: *Ananias and Sapphira*, Acts 5:1-11

Friday: *The Apostles Heal*, Acts 5:12-16

Saturday: *The Apostles Are Persecuted*, Acts 5:17-42

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:

Lord, you walk alongside us in our grief and confusion. Reveal yourself to us as our comforter and Savior, in whose name we pray, Amen.

Make the sign of the cross

“Jesus walks with you wherever you go”

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.



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



PRAY
for one another's highs and lows



BLESS
one another

More resources for being the church at home this week

Two disciples walked on a long road with plenty of time to ponder the incredible events of their week. But, who on earth is this stranger who seems not to have heard what everyone else is talking about? The stage is set for one more surprise.

A meal time prayer:

Gracious Creator we are so grateful to be surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. May we be as faithful and loving to you as you are with us! Amen.

More questions for conversation:

1. Jesus both reveals himself and disappears. How has God showed you his presence in an unexpected way?
2. Who in your community is hungry? How might feed them?
3. What things are your eyes closed to, that you could be looking at in your own life? How might you face some of those things this week? Who can help you see and work through the difficult issues you face?

Ideas for putting faith in action:

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

Invite to dinner someone you don't know well – a coworker, your kids' friends' parents, someone homebound from your congregation, a lonely neighbor. Notice how Christ shows up simply by sharing a meal.

Be good neighbors in your church's community and lead an outdoor spring cleaning day.

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