

God's Story Our Story

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



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



A verse for the week:

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out." Luke 19:39-40

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.

Sunday: *Triumphal Entry* Luke 19:29-44

Monday: *Journey to the Cross*, Luke 22:28-46

Tuesday: *Journey to the Cross*, Luke 22:47-71

Wednesday: *Journey to the Cross*, Luke 23:1-31

Thursday: *Last Supper (Holy Thursday)*, Luke 22:1-27

Friday: *Crucifixion (Good Friday)*, Luke 23:32-47

Saturday: *Burial of Jesus*, Luke 23:48-56



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, we lift up our praise. We shout Hosanna! Save Us! Give us courage to speak out, so that all might know your saving love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



Make the sign of the cross

"Follow Jesus"

More resources for being the church at home this week

Jesus' long anticipated arrival in Jerusalem is met not by an angry mob, but rather a raucous parade singing his praises. However, the master's eyes can see only certain demise – of himself, and finally, the city itself.

A meal time prayer:

Heavenly God, we're so thankful that we are able to fellowship together over this meal. May we understand that walking with you may not always be easy and may we remember that you will never leave us.

More questions for conversation:

1. When has the movement of a crowd gotten swept away and out of hand? Why do you think mob mentality has so much power of people? What is happening in your congregation that is being swept away by such momentum? What needs to change to turn the momentum?

2. What are you willing to give or do to follow Christ? What can you do this week that pushes you beyond your comfort zone?

Ideas for putting faith in action:

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

Focus on making a set of long and short-term goals with each other. Be sure to check in on each other's progress from time to time.

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