

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: *Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”* Luke 7:48-50

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.

Sun Luke 7:36-50 A Sinful Woman Forgiven
Mon Luke 8:1-3 Some Women Accompany Jesus
Tues Isaiah 55:1-3 An Invitation to Abundant Life
Wed Proverbs 9:1-6 Wisdom's Feast
Thurs Luke 9:1-9 The Mission of the Twelve
Fri Luke 9:1-17 Feeding the Five Thousand
Sat Luke 9:18-27 Jesus Foretells Death & Resurrection
Sun Luke 9:28-45 Transfiguration and Healing



TALK
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PRAY
for one another's highs and lows

A prayer for the week:
God— You love us even when we fail to love. You forgive us even when we cannot even forgive ourselves. Help us to chose love even when it is hard. And help us to forgive others and ourselves. Amen.



BLESS
one another

Make the sign of the cross,
“Child of God, you are loved and forgiven.”

More resources for being the church at home this week

Well... this is awkward. Jesus has accepted a dinner invitation from a Pharisee named Simon, but before the meal even begins, a local woman comes to bathe the teacher's feet with oil and tears. What's a host to do? Jesus is about to tell him.

A meal time prayer:

God of Goodness, Thank you for your love of food that comes in many flavors and flair. Thank you for your love that comes to us in new and unexpected ways. Thank you for your forgiveness that you bestow on us each and every day. Amen.

More questions for conversation:

1. How far would you go to show repentance for a sin you committed? What might happen if you made amends for all the ways you have damaged your relationships? How might such reconciliation free you?
2. A sinful woman washes the feet of Jesus with her hair, perfume and tears. Because of her faith, Jesus forgives her sins. Is it hard or easy for you to forgive someone? Does it depend on what they did? Or are you quick to forgive?

Ideas for putting faith in action:

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

Pick out a scented (or non-scented) laundry soap and donate it to the food shelf or homeless shelter.

Research what organizations in your community exist to combat human trafficking. What can you do to make a difference?

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