

# 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 Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, “I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.” When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health. —Luke 7:9-10

Sunday: *Raising the Widow's Son*, Luke 7:1-17

Monday: *Jesus Speaks in Parables*, Luke 8:4-10

Tuesday: *Jesus Speaks in Parables*, Luke 8:11-18

Wednesday: *Jesus' Mother and Brothers*, Luke 8:19-21

Thursday: *Jesus Calms a Storm*, Luke 8:22-25

Friday: *Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac*, Luke 8:26-30

Saturday: *Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac*, Luke 8:31-39

*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. More discussion questions are on the back side.



**TALK**

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



**PRAY**

for one another's highs and lows

**A prayer for the week:** Lord, center our anxious hearts with your gentle spirit. Give us what we need each day to be kind and helpful people. Help us to seek you first. Amen.

Hold arms out wide and say, “Share God's love”



**BLESS**

one another

## More resources for being the church at home this week

Jesus is approaching superstar status. No longer are his fellow Jews the only ones putting their hopes on him, but now he is known throughout the region. And sometimes the faith of an outsider can surprise even Jesus.

### A meal time prayer:

Healer God—With your outstretched hands, you can heal our bodies. With leafy vegetables and amazing fruit, you feed our bodies. With your mighty Spirit, you can calm our souls. Amen.

### More questions for conversation:

1. Jesus heals the slave of a Roman commander and raises the widow's son from death. Both the commander and the widow were sad with grief. But because of their faith in God, the slave and son were saved. Do you have faith in the face of sadness, anxiety or grief?
2. Who in your community is in need to prayer and special care? What might you do to help?
3. What do you need from God? Can you pray for God's help?

### Ideas for putting faith in action:

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

On a piece of paper, write down everyone you know who is sick. Hang the paper on the fridge, and commit to praying for them for this week

Find out who in your community lives alone. Invite them for coffee.

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