

# 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 Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. —Luke 4:14-15

*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 4:14-30 Jesus' Mission is Revealed  
**Mon** Isaiah 58:6-10 Loosing Bonds of Injustice  
**Tues** 1 Kings 17:8-14 Elijah and the Widow  
**Wed** 2 Kings 5:1-17 The Healing of Naaman  
**Thur** Luke 4:31-37 The Man with the Unclean Spirit  
**Fri** Luke 4:38-41 Healings at Simon's House  
**Sat** Luke 4:42-44 Jesus Preaches in the Synagogues



**TALK**  
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**PRAY**  
for one another's highs and lows

**A prayer for the week:**  
**Lord God, You have fulfilled your word in the person of Jesus, your son. Gather us into your adopted family that his proclamation might be ours as well. In the name of Christ, Amen.**



**BLESS**  
one another

Join arms, and say,  
**“You have been blessed with strong arms, be ready to embrace others in love.”**

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

The boy from Nazareth has made good for himself, and now Jesus makes a rousing return to his childhood temple. But is his shocking brand of prophecy too much for the hometown crowd to handle? Joseph's son is about to find out.

### A meal time prayer:

Bless the food you have provided. Bless the people in our midst. Bless the love that intertwines us. Bless the world you have begun. Amen.

### More questions for conversation:

Who are the outcasts in your community? How might you welcome and serve them?

When have you felt pressure to speak harsh or prophetic words to people you are close to? How were your words received? What, if anything, might you do differently the next time?

Jesus begins his ministry with teaching and preaching in the synagogues. People were happy to hear the stories of Jesus except those in his hometown; they sent him away. Why do you think they did that? Do you like where you live? What do you like best about your hometown?

### Ideas for putting faith in action:

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

Plan a special evening at home with the ones you love: eat dinner together, play a game or watch a movie

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