

# 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:**

*I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” Luke 15:10*

*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.*

**Mon.** Parable of the Dishonest Manager Luke 16:1-13

**Tues.** The Law and the Kingdom of God Luke 16:14-18

**Wed.** The Good Shepherd Psalm 23

**Thur.** Lost Sheep Jeremiah 50:5-7

**Fri.** The Joy of Forgiveness Psalm 32:1-7

**Sat.** Forgiveness Matthew 18:21-22



**TALK**

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**PRAY**

for one another's highs and lows

**A prayer for the week:**

**Lord, you rejoice when we return to you. May we find joy as well, when those who have wandered away from your promises experience your grace.**

**In Jesus' name, Amen.**



**BLESS**  
one another

Make the sign of the cross,  
**“God forgives you, forgive others”**

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

Finding something you thought you'd lost feels like a second chance, a new beginning. From keepers of sheep and seekers of coins to fathers of wayward children, Jesus brings home the unfettered joy of a creator reunited with those who are most beloved.

### A meal time prayer:

**We give you thanks, God, for seeing our hearts when others seem to only notice outward appearance. Let us follow your lead, we pray, in the way that we treat our brothers and sisters. Amen.**

### More questions for conversation:

1. Which of these parables is the most meaningful to you? Why?
2. What is very precious to you? What would you do if it were lost?
3. Who would you be in the Prodigal Son story? What qualities do you possess that relate to that character?
4. Have you ever forgiven someone who didn't deserve it? How did you move past the hurt to be able to forgive them? When have you been forgiven of something you didn't deserve to be forgiven of? How has that forgiveness affected you?

### Ideas for putting faith in action:

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

Create care kits for people who are homeless and store them in your car. Consider including personal hygiene items, gloves, or a small gift card. Be sure to also feed their souls by keeping them on your prayer list.

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