

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:

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! Luke 13:34

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 Luke 13:10-17 The Bent Over Woman is Healed

Tues Luke 13:18-30 Mustard Seed Beginnings

Wed Luke 14:1-6 Healing on the Sabbath

Thur Luke 14:7-14 The Last Shall Be First

Fri Luke 14:15-24 Sharing Abundance

Sat Luke 14:25-33 Carry Your Cross and Follow

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:

Loving Lord, You want to gather and protect us as a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings. Help us to trust in you and your great love for us. Amen.



BLESS

one another

Make the sign of the cross,
"May God protect and guide you"

More resources for being the church at home this week

The question of suffering is an ancient one. But Jesus won't allow victims of tragedy to be blamed for their own misfortune, even if that was (and still is) a tempting explanation. Instead he asks just what are we choosing to do with the precious time we have left?

A meal time prayer:

Loving God, we give you all the praise for all you have blessed us with. We pray right now for all those who are hungry and that you would bless them with fresh manna for their bodies and their souls. Amen.

More questions for conversation:

1. This week's story shows Jesus helping disciples understand what they must do to follow him. What have you had to give up to follow Jesus? What blessings have you received from following him
2. How do you measure your own goodness? Are there sins you need to confess to God? Are there sins God has already forgiven that you need to let go?

Ideas for putting faith in action:

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

Commit to doing one random act of kindness for a stranger every week. Try paying for the car behind you in line at a drive-up window or help a neighbor with yard work.

Make a timeline of your life. Is there evidence that your behaviors cause tragedies? Where is God during the high points and low points in your life?

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