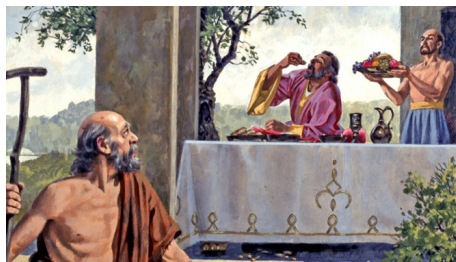


# God's Story Our Story

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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:**

“He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’” Luke 16:30-31

**Mon:** Sayings of Jesus, Luke 17:1-10

**Tues:** Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers, Luke 17:11-19

**Wed:** The Coming of the Kingdom, Luke 17:20-37

**Thur:** The Widow and the Unjust Judge, Luke 18:1-8

**Fri:** The Pharisee and the Tax Collector, Luke 18:9-17

**Sat:** The Rich Ruler, Luke 18:18-30

*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, we thank you for all that you have given to us. Let us follow your example of generosity by being loving and kind to others. Amen**



**BLESS**  
one another

Place a hand on their shoulder and say,  
**“God is especially fond of you”**

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

Rich man, poor man. Heaven and Hell. Was Jesus telling a simple morality tale, or was Jesus making a deeper statement about what is possible for each of us right now – in this present moment?

**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. What makes a person rich, other than money?
2. Whose voices are you listening to? Whose voices are draining? Whose voices are life-giving? Whose voices could you listen to this week?
3. How often are you tempted to believe that your sins are keeping you from heaven or that your good deeds are securing a place for you there? If good works are not the way to salvation, then what is? What, if anything, is required of you?

**Ideas for putting faith in action:**

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

Calculate how much money you regularly spend in one week. Cut the amount in half. Live on half of your usual spending this week. What did you have to give up? What did you gain?

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