

# 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:**

“Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.” Luke 10:36-37

*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:** *Good Samaritan*, Luke 10:25-42

**Mon** *Prayer*, Luke 11:1-26

**Tues** *Jesus Criticizes Pharisees and Lawyers*, Luke 11:27-54

**Wed:** *Parable of the Rich Fool*, Luke 12:1-21

**Thur:** *Do Not Worry*, Luke 12:22-34

**Fri:** *Be Alert*, Luke 12:35-48

**Sat:** *Jesus the Cause of Division*, Luke 12:49-59



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

**A prayer for the week:**

**Lord, you've created us to be in community with one another. Let us be willing and open to show others the love of Jesus through our caring for one another. Amen.**



**BLESS**  
one another

Make the sign of the cross,  
**“May you be a blessing to others”**

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

It's not always what we expect. Jesus proves this again and again as he encourages his followers to go beyond what they think they know to do, who they think they are called to serve, and strive for the intriguing “better part.”

### A meal time prayer:

Gracious God of all, we bless you and thank you for providing this meal before us. Not only do we thank you for the meal, it is a joy to be able to be with one another to share a meal and to connect with you. Amen.

### More questions for conversation:

1. How does your community identify insiders and outsiders? How might your community look different if it judged on faith, service, and love, rather than wealth, culture, gender, or religious affiliation?
2. How might you be a neighbor to someone this week? What will motivate you into action?
3. It says in Philippians not to worry, but instead let your requests be known to God. What do you need to stop worrying about and hand over to God?

### Ideas for putting faith in action:

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

Ask someone of a different religion about their faith. What do they believe? How does their faith shape their lives? Notice similarities and differences. Do more listening than talking.

Each person choose an elderly, ill or shut-in congregation member to check in on this week. Ask them what their prayer requests are and share a prayer together.

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