

God's Story Our Story

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Grace

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:

“Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

Acts 15:10-11

Sunday: *Council at Jerusalem*, Acts 15:1-18

Monday: *The Conversion of Lydia*, Acts 16:11-15

Tuesday: *Paul and Silas in Prison*, Acts 16:16-40

Wednesday: *Paul Sails for Rome*, Acts 27:1-12

Thursday: *The Storm at Sea*, Acts 27:13-38

Friday: *The Shipwreck*, Acts 27:39-28:16

Saturday: *Paul Preaches in Rome*, Acts 28:23-31

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

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PRAY

for one another's highs and lows

A prayer for the week:

Lord you have given us a mission: to share the good news. Help us to keep our eyes on what really matters and not get distracted by things that don't matter, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen



BLESS

one another

Make the sign of the cross

“Keep your eyes on Jesus”

More resources for being the church at home this week

The early leaders of the faithful had an ever-growing task on their hands: to keep adding to the numbers of converted while trying to reconcile the old customs with the new message. Opinions are strong, and the young church faces one among many threats of division.

A meal time prayer:

Gracious Creator we are so grateful to be surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. May we be as faithful and loving to you as you are with us! Amen.

More questions for conversation:

1. Do you live as though you were saved by grace or by your good works? What difference does it make? How does your faith inform your behaviors?
2. What is your favorite dramatic or exciting biblical story? Why?

Ideas for putting faith in action:

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

Take time to write a note of thanks to someone.

Is there someone who could use a plate of cookies or a home cooked meal? Make it a family project

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