

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:

As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. Acts 8:36-38

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.

Sunday: *Ethiopian Comes to Believe*, Acts 8:26-39

Monday: *The Death of Herod*, Acts 12:20-25

Tuesday: *Barnabas and Paul Commissioned*, Acts 13:1-3

Wednesday: *The Apostles Preach in Cyprus*, Acts 13:4-12

Thursday: *Paul and Barnabas in Iconium*, Acts 14:1-7

Friday: *Paul and Barnabas in Lystra and Derbe*, Acts 14:8-20

Saturday: *Return to Antioch in Syria*, Acts 14:21-28

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:

God, your love is amazing. Renew our wonder at your word and all the promises contained within it. Give us courage to share it. In Jesus' name, Amen

Make the sign of the cross

“You belong to Jesus, you are a child of the water”



BLESS

one another

More resources for being the church at home this week

The disciples' mission is now springing up everywhere, this time in the middle of the desert, with a high-ranking foreign official. What will this Ethiopian say when Philip reveals to him the astounding truth of the scriptures?

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. How does your community of faith engage in the exchange of ideas concerning the things of faith? How are you personally engaged in a community to help you grow in faith? What might your community of faith do to engage more of the community inside and outside your church?

2. If you have had a conversion experience, who have you told? If you have been a person of faith your whole life, who have you told? Who might be hungry for the Word and the story of how you experience God?

Ideas for putting faith in action:

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

Use water more intentionally this week. Here are some ideas. Take shorter showers. Steam some vegetables. Give your pet a bath. Donate to an organization that helps developing communities gain access to clean water.

Spend an evening serving a community meal for people without homes. Talk about your experience at church and what about serving them blessed you.

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