

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

You may want to light a candle to begin your time. Invite all to share their highs and lows of the day.



READ
a Bible verse or story

A verse for the week: "The Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him." 1 Samuel 1:27

Sun: God Answers Hannah, 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10

Mon: God Calls Samuel, 1 Samuel 3:1-18

Tues: The Ark of God Captured, 1 Samuel 4:2-11, 6:2, 11-13

Wed: Samuel Anoints Saul as King, 1 Sam. 9:27-10:8, 10:17-27

Thur: Saul Rejected and David Anointed, 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Fri: David Defeats Goliath, 1 Samuel 17:1-54

Sat: David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem, 2 Samuel 6:1-23

If your household includes younger children you may want to use a children's Bible story book



TALK
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PRAY
for one another's highs and lows

A prayer for the week: "You are a Lord of mercy who hears the prayers of your people. Grant us those requests which will glorify you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen"



BLESS
one another

Give each other a high five saying, "You have an awesome God who answers prayer".

More resources for being the church at home this week

A meal time prayer: Lord God, hear our prayer. Give food to those who are hungry, water to those who thirst, and love for all who are in need your grace. Amen.

More questions for conversation:

How do you think prayer works? How did Hannah's prayer affect her life? How did it affect the future of Israel?

What have you asked God for that still awaits an answer? What did you bargain in return for a favorable answer? Does God require something in exchange for answered prayer? Where do you see God working while you wait for the answer?

When God answered Hannah's prayer she was so happy she sang praises to God. What do you pray about? How do you sing praises?

Ideas for putting faith in action:

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

Set aside 10 minutes every day to pray in a way you're not used to. Here are some possibilities: a quiet, still posture of prayer; yoga; meditation; mindfulness; prayer while walking or running, be creative with your prayer life. How did the habit of prayer affect your mood?

Or... Think of someone who could use some encouragement. Bake some cookies for them.

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