

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: "I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great...and will provide a place for my people Israel." 2 Samuel 7:9-10

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

Sun: *God's Promise to David*, 2 Samuel 7:1-17

Mon: *David Commits Adultery and Murder*, 2 Samuel 11:1-26

Tue: *Nathan Condemns David and Solomon is Born*, 2 Samuel 12:1-25

Wed: *David Loses His Throne to Absalom*, 2 Samuel 15:1-17

Thur: *David Regains the Throne*, 2 Sam.19:9-15

Fri: *Solomon Becomes King*, 1 Kings 1: 1-53

Sat: *David's Instruction to Solomon*, 1 Kings 2:1-12



TALK
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PRAY
for one another's highs and lows

A prayer for the week: "Lord, help us to trust your promises and to make your home our only dwelling."



BLESS
one another

Mark each other with the sign of the cross, and say, "**Nothing can separate you from the love of God.**"

King David wants to honor God, out of respect and gratitude for everything he has received. But more than an earthly house, God wants to see the promise to David's ancestors fulfilled.

More resources for being the church at home this week

A meal time prayer: We thank you for the abundance that you share with us, your comfort, your love, your grace and all that we need. Amen.

More questions for conversation:

How do the readings portray David as a leader? What does this say about our faithfulness? About God's faithfulness?

What are the benefits and the drawbacks of having a permanent place of worship? How might our church building glorify God?

Have you ever desired to do something for God, just to have God turn around and do something for you? In what ways can God's blessings for you become blessings for others?

Ideas for putting faith in action:

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

Sometimes less is more. Take one thing off your calendar this week and spend the time resting, playing or praying— whatever you need to do to rest and rejuvenate.

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