

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: *For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” 1 Kings 17:14*

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

Sun: God's Care for the Widow, 5 Kings 51:5-24

Mon: Elijah Meets God,

1 Kings 19:11-18, 2 Kings 9:30-37

Tues: Elijah Ascends to Heaven and Elisha Succeeds Elijah, 6 Kings 6:5-18

Wed: Elisha Heals Naaman, 6 Kings 9:5-19

Thur: Amos Prophecies Against Israel, Amos 9:5-24

Fri: Hosea Prophecies Against Israel, Hosea 2:1-13

Sat: Micah Prophecies to Both Kingdoms, Micah 6:1-8



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

Take each other's hand and say, **“May God's love overflow in your life”**

When resources are scarce, we are tempted to cling to what little we have. If the widow of Zarephath had done the same, she would never have known the unpredictable joys of welcoming Elijah the prophet

More resources for being the church at home this week

A meal time prayer: Lord, you know what we need and generously provide for us. Thank you. Amen.

More questions for conversation:

God provided food and shelter to Elijah. God provided oil and flour for the widow and her son. God provided life to the widow's son when he died. How does God provide for you?

What can you do to provide food or water to someone who is in need?

What have you been refraining from doing because it's hard to trust God? What can you do to demonstrate trust in God this week?

Ideas for putting faith in action:

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

Share your provisions with others: it can be food for the food shelf, spare change for someone who is homeless, or your time and talent needed somewhere.

Plant some bulbs that will grow in the spring. Over the winter, pray for the healing of our planet. In the spring, as your bulbs sprout and blossom, celebrate the planet's resilience.

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