

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: *But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”* —Luke 2:10-11

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.

Sun Luke 2:1-20 The Birth of Jesus: Hope is Born
Mon John 1:14-18 The Flesh Lived Among Us
Tues Psalm 23 The Lord is My Shepherd
Wed Jeremiah 23:1-4 Caring Shepherds
Thurs Matthew 2:1-12 The Visit of the Wisemen
Fri Matthew 2:13-15 The Escape To Egypt
Sat John 10:11-18 The Good Shepherd
Sun Luke 2:21-38 Revelation of the Son of Man

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 of Good News, You sent your son into this world so that we may know you better. You sent your son into this world that we may have peace, love and hope. You sent your son into this world that we may live. Amen.



BLESS
one another

Give a hug, and say,
“You are a precious child of God. Amen.”

More resources for being the church at home this week

Flock herders find a peaceful night of work suddenly interrupted by God's glory and a multitude of angels. Not so peaceful after all. Nor could Joseph and Mary have anticipated their baby's first cries amongst farm animals and hay. But with God, nothing is ever ordinary, is it?

A meal time prayer:

You, O God, indeed are the giver of all good gifts; we thank you for the gift of food, faith and friendship. But mostly, we give thanks for your son, Jesus Christ, who was born today so that all people may have the gift of salvation. Amen.

More questions for conversation:

1. Jesus, God's son, was born in a stable to Mary and Joseph. The angels announced his birth to the shepherds, who ran to greet the Christ-child. Recount the day your children or a special child in your life was born. Who were the child's first visitors? How did you share this good news?
2. What significant transformations have you seen in the world in your lifetime? Were these positive or negative? Who was involved and what did they do? Do you see the potential for world transformation in the future? How can you play a role in transforming the world so that it more closely resembles the perfect world God intended for humanity?

Ideas for putting faith in action:

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

1. Give one of your Christmas gifts away. Don't worry about re-gifting. It's a thing now.
2. Write down your favorite Bible verse and why. Share your verse with someone who needs to hear some Good News!

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