

# God's Story Our Story

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**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:** Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

—Luke 5:10b-11

Sunday: *Great Catch of Fish*, Luke 5:1-11

Monday: *Jesus Cleanses a Leper*, Luke 5:12-16

Tuesday: *Jesus Heals a Paralytic*, Luke 5:17-26

Wednesday: *Jesus Calls Levi (Matthew)*, Luke 5:27-32

Thursday: *The Question about Fasting*, Luke 5:33-39

Friday: *God Does a New Thing*, Isaiah 43:14-21

Saturday: *God Forgives Sins*, Isaiah 43:25-44:5

*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.*



**TALK**

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**PRAY**

for one another's highs and lows

**A prayer for the week:**

Lord, help us to recognize the ways that you are at work in our world. Give us faith to follow you wherever you lead. Amen.



**BLESS**  
one another

Give a high five,

**“You have been called to follow Jesus, Go in peace.”**

## More resources for being the church at home this week

The fish weren't biting that day; a professional knows when to call it quits. “Yet, if you say so...” Thus begins an entirely new chapter for Simon Peter: learning again and again to put a logic-defying trust in Jesus, and witnessing firsthand the miracles that result.

### A meal time prayer:

God of Abundance—From my the depths of the sea, we eat from your bounty. From the fields of the farmer, we eat from your goodness. From the fruits of the tree, we eat from your sweetness. Thank you for everything. Amen.

### More questions for conversation:

1. Jesus helped the fishermen catch many fish in their nets. The fishermen were so amazed that they became disciples, left everything they had and followed Jesus. What would it be like to leave your house, your bed, your friends, your family to follow Jesus? Would this be easy or hard to do?
2. How does your community pass on faith? How and when do you spend time learning and growing deeper in faith? What might you do differently this week to teach or learn more about God?
3. What does it mean for you to be Jesus' follower? What behaviors, actions, and attitudes are shaped by your commitment to follow Jesus?

### Ideas for putting faith in action:

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

When at the grocery store, buy several cans of tuna and donate them to the food shelf.

Go online and Google a question about God that you've always wanted to know. What do others say? What can you learn from the experience?

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