

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: But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. -Jeremiah 31:34.

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. Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23 God Speaks

Jeremiah 27-28; 31:31-34 A New Covenant

Mon. Jeremiah 39:11-19 Jeremiah is Set Free

Tues. Jeremiah 42:7-16 Jeremiah Advises the People

Wed. Jeremiah 44:1-10 The People Still Worship Idols

Thur. Daniel 1:1-17 Israelites in the Babylonian Court

Fri Daniel 3:1-18 The Golden Image

Sat Daniel 5:1-8, 13-16, 23-28 Daniel Interprets the Writing on the Wall



TALK
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PRAY
for one another's highs and lows

A prayer for the week: Lord, you write your word upon our hearts, so we don't need a book to know that you love us. Thank you for being faithful even we forget. Amen



BLESS
one another

Make the sign of the cross with your fingers and say, "Nothing can separate you from the love of God. Nothing!"

More resources for being the church at home this week

What do you do when the king dislikes your prophecy so much that he simply burns the scroll? Start again, Jeremiah. But soon, written covenants will no longer be needed, as the people will keep God's promises where it matters most: in their hearts.

A meal time prayer: God of the People, You put your word on our hearts and food in our bodies. Help us, then Lord, so we can be about your service and love in the lives we lead. Amen.

More questions for conversation:

Is it possible to change the behavior of an entire community? What part might you play in improving your community's behavior?

What does it mean for you that God has written God's word on your heart? What evidence will others find that God's word is written on your heart?

God made a new promise with the people so they would not forget God. To make sure that the people new the rules, God wrote them down for them on a scroll and on their hearts. What rules does God want us to remember? What rules do you think are the most important?

Ideas for putting faith in action:

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

Make a list of the house rules, and put them on the fridge front and center. Let them be a reminder to you of how we are to be in service to one another.

Make a vision board. Cut out pictures and words from magazines that appeal to you. Then use a glue stick to glue them to a large poster board. This board will represent the images and words that show how you desire to show up in the world.

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