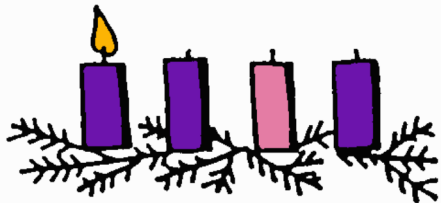


God's Story

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

During this season of Advent you may want to use an advent wreath with four candles. If so light the first candle this week.



READ
a Bible verse or story

A verse for the week: Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!" — Daniel 6:16

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 Daniel 6:6-27 Daniel: Hope in the Lion's Den

Mon Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Daniel's Visions

Tues Daniel 9:1-6 Daniel's Prayer for the People

Wed 2 Timothy 4:16-18 God Protects Paul

Thurs Psalm 7:1-5 Protection from Enemies

Fri Joel 1:1-12 Joel's Lament

Sat Joel 1:13-14; 2:1-2, 15-16 A Call to Repentance



TALK
about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows

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PRAY
for one another's highs and lows

A prayer for the week: Lord, you know the dangers that we face. Give us the wisdom to call on you always, and deliver us in our hour of need. For Jesus' sake, Amen.



BLESS
one another

Mark the cross on each other, saying "Blessed are you, Child of God. You have been filled with a living hope go and share this hope with others. Amen."

FAITH 5
www.faith5.org

More resources for being the church at home this week

King Darius is in a pickle. His friend Daniel has violated an unbreakable law, and must now face a den of lions. The powerless king spends an anxious night fasting, hoping for a miracle. What will the morning bring?



A meal time prayer: As we gather around this table, we give thanks for the love you have shown us. As we gather around this meal, we give thanks for food you provide. As we gather around together, we ask you to bless this food to our bodies and us to your work. Amen.

More questions for conversation:

In a time when the people weren't following God, Daniel did. And because of his faith in God, the king threw him into a den of lions. Like Daniel, sometimes we end up in scary places. When you do, what do you do? Do have hope? Do you run and hide? Do you pray to God?

Are there ordinances or laws that you do not find just? What can you do to live faithfully according to God's word?

Have you ever felt God rescued you? Did you put your faith in God before your rescue? After? How do you demonstrate faith?

Ideas for putting faith in action:

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

Send a Christmas card to someone who inspired you to have hope even in the midst of loneliness, hard times or a difficult transition.

Download a mindfulness app to your smartphone. (Lotus Bud Mindfulness Bell is a good one.) Every time the mindfulness bell goes off, stop what you are doing and pray.

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