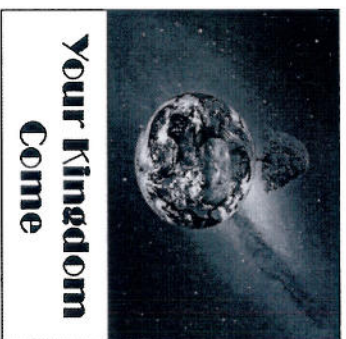


God's Story™ Our Story



August 21, 2016

Devotion: Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone, as a couple, as a family, in the morning, during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Loving God, your kingdom is anywhere your vision for creation is fulfilled. Bring this same vision into focus before our own eyes, that you might live through us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Reflect: Reflect on the key verse from Sunday's reading.

Jesus said, "Your kingdom come." Luke 11:2b

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer Jesus does not include the line, "Your will be done on earth as in heaven." However, isn't this exactly what it means to invite the coming of God's kingdom? God's kingdom is God's will for the world: that we might be whole, as we were created to be.

Read: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Sunday, Luke 11:2-4, *Your Kingdom Come*

Monday, 2 Samuel 7:1-17, *God's Covenant with David*

Tuesday, Matthew 3:1-12, *The Proclamation of John the Baptist*

Wednesday, Mark 1:9-15, *The Baptism of Jesus*

Thursday, Luke 4:42-44, *Jesus Preaches in the Synagogues*

Friday, John 3:1-21, *Nicodemus Visits Jesus*

Saturday, Romans 14:13-23, *Do Not Make Another Stumble*

What do these texts say about God's kingdom?

Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with "Highs" and "Lows."

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What does it mean for God's kingdom to come here to earth? God's kingdom occurs on earth any time people are doing God's work and loving one another. How can you help bring about God's kingdom? Tell a story of a time you knew you were living in God's kingdom.

DO: By acting on what we learn we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Do something this week to heal the earth, which is God's kingdom. Take 2-3 fewer showers this week. Or plant a tree. Or clean a closet and donate items to an organization that recycles, reuses, or reduces. Be creative!

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God create God's kingdom on earth. Amen.