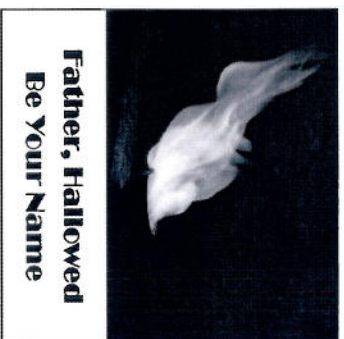


# God's Story<sup>TM</sup>

## Our Story



August 14, 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.

God of love, you open your arms to your children and love to hear us call your name. Give us words that honor and build up, to your glory and that of your Son Jesus, who taught us how to pray. Amen.

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

*He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name." Luke 11:2a*

**Study:** Study the reading and consider the background.

"Teach us to pray," asks one of Jesus' followers, "as John taught his disciples." And so he does, starting at the beginning. As children of God, we are free to address our creator as a loving parent.

**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, *Father, Hallowed Be Your Name*  
Monday, Genesis 32:22-32, *Jacob Wrestles with God*  
Tuesday, Exodus 3:13-15, *The Great I Am*  
Wednesday, Exodus 20:1-17, *The Ten Commandments*  
Thursday, Matthew 28:16-20, *The Sending of the Disciples*  
Friday, John 16:16-24, *Sorrow Will Turn into Joy*  
Saturday, Philipians 2:5-11, *Servant Song*

**What do these texts say about God's name?**

**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 power does a name hold? Does it matter what we call God?**

**Why or why not? Does it matter what we call others? Why or why not?**

**Tell a story of a time someone called you a name. How did you feel?**

**How did it shape the way you treat others?**

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

Keep a journal with you throughout the week. Write down all the times you call someone a name, even if only in your head. At the end of the week, consider how you might change your perspective so that the name-calling and labeling might be lessened.

**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

*May God bless you with a holy name. Amen.*