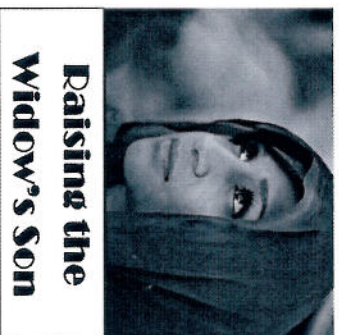


GOD'S STORY™

OUR STORY

February 5, 2017



Devotion: Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone or with others; 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.

Holy Lord,

You hold the authority of heaven and earth in your hand. Look upon us kindly and grow our faith so that we would always know you as our loving teacher, provider, and example. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Luke 7:14-15

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

Jesus is approaching superstar status. No longer are his fellow Jews the only ones putting their hopes on him, but now he is known throughout the region. And sometimes the faith of an outsider can surprise even Jesus.

Consider: Consider this theme for the week's text.

Sometimes we might surprise Jesus with our faith.

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

Sunday: *Raising the Widow's Son*, Luke 7:1-17

Monday: *Jesus Speaks in Parables*, Luke 8:4-10

Tuesday: *Jesus Speaks in Parables*, Luke 8:1-18

Wednesday: *Jesus' Mother and Brothers*, Luke 8:19-21

Thursday: *Jesus Calms a Storm*, Luke 8:22-25

Friday: *Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac*, Luke 8:26-30

Saturday: *Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac*, Luke 8:31-39

Why do you think Jesus taught and healed people?

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?

Who in your community is in need to prayer and special care? What might you do to help?

What do you need from God? Can you pray for God's help?

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

Find out who in your community lives alone. Invite them for coffee.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

Receive God's blessing when you are with people and when you are alone. Amen.