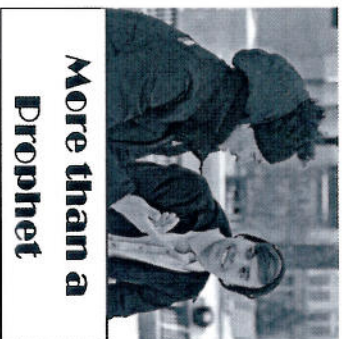


# God's Story Our Story

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**More than a  
Prophet**

**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 Voice,**

You have shown us your wisdom, O God, in your messengers. Make their proclamation our own: a world where all is restored and justice prevails. By the holy name of Christ, Amen.

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

*"What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.*

*This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'"* Luke 7:26-27

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

Jesus and John were two cousins with a common purpose: not only in proclaiming, but also in acting to bring about the kingdom of God. They may suffer insults and opposition from the authorities, but that's not enough to stop these two persistent prophets.

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

John encouraged a lifestyle of humility, service, and repentance. We can continue to work toward justice and peace as John did.

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

**Sunday:** *More than a Prophet*, Luke 7:18-35

**Monday:** *Jairus' Plea*, Luke 8:40-42

**Tuesday:** *A Woman Restored*, Luke 43-44

**Wednesday:** *A Woman Restored*, Luke 45-48

**Thursday:** *Jairus' Daughter Healed*, Luke 49-56

**Friday:** *Jesus Sends Out Disciples*, Luke 9:1-6

**Saturday:** *Herd Hears of Jesus' Healings*, Luke 9:7-9

**Describe Jesus' and John's relationship with each other.**

**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?**

**If someone who didn't know Jesus asked you about him, how would you describe him?**

**Describe a favorite relationship you have with someone you love.**

**Describe a relationship you have with someone that is challenging for you to love. What similarities and differences do you notice between the two?**

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

**Write a job description for yourself as if your life was the job. What are your qualifications? What is your experience? How do you present yourself to the world?**

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

**God bless you as you live your best life. Amen.**