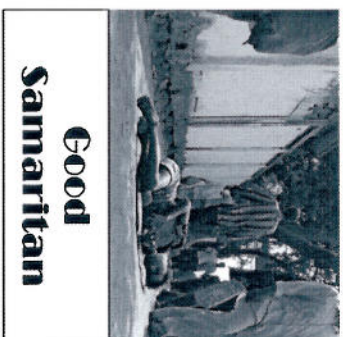


God's Story Our Story

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Good Samaritan

March 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 God,

Our time is limited on this journey. Give us wisdom to stop, listen, and learn, so that we might make the most of what you have given us, in Jesus' name, Amen.

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

"Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:36-37

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

It's not always what we expect. Jesus proves this again and again as he encourages his followers to go beyond what they think they know to do, who they think they are called to serve, and strive for the intriguing "better part."

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

Jesus challenges us to love the seemingly unlovable.

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

Sunday: *Good Samaritan*, Luke 10:25-42

Monday: *The Lord's Prayer and Persistence in Prayer*, Luke 11:1-26

Tuesday: *Jesus Criticizes Pharisees and Lawyers*, Luke 11:27-54

Wednesday: *Parable of the Rich Fool*, Luke 12:1-21

Thursday: *Do Not Worry*, Luke 12:22-34

Friday: *Be Alert*, Luke 12:35-48

Saturday: *Jesus the Cause of Division*, Luke 12:49-59

Where do you see yourself in these stories?

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?

How does your community identify insiders and outsiders? How might your community look different if it judged on faith, service, and love, rather than wealth, culture, gender, or religious affiliation?

How might you be a neighbor to someone this week? What will motivate you into action?

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

Ask someone of a different religion about their faith. What do they believe? How does their faith shape their lives? Notice similarities and differences. Do more listening than talking.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God love and bless you and all people. Amen.