

God's Story™ Our Story

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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.

Lord of the here and now,

We have Moses and the prophets, and all your faithful witnesses.

Open our ears to their message of repentance and reconciliation, that we might waste no time in bringing about your kingdom on earth. Amen.

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

"He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'" Luke 16:30-31

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

Rich man, poor man. Heaven and Hell. Was Jesus telling a simple morality tale, or was Jesus making a deeper statement about what is possible for each of us right now – in this present moment?

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

We have everything we need right here to make informed decisions about how we will show up in the world.

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

Sunday: *Rich Man and Lazarus*, Luke 16:19-31

Monday: *Sayings of Jesus*, Luke 17:1-10

Tuesday: *Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers*, Luke 17:11-19

Wednesday: *The Coming of the Kingdom*, Luke 17:20-37

Thursday: *The Widow and the Unjust Judge*, Luke 18:1-8

Friday: *The Pharisee and the Tax Collector*, Luke 18:9-17

Saturday: *The Rich Ruler*, Luke 18:18-30

What makes a person rich, other than money?

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?

Whose voices are you listening to? Whose voices are draining? Whose voices are life-giving? Whose voices could you listen to this week?

How often are you tempted to believe that your sins are keeping you from heaven or that your good deeds are securing a place for you there? If good works are not the way to salvation, then what is? What, if anything, is required of you?

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

Calculate how much money you regularly spend in one week. Cut the amount in half. Live on half of your usual spending this week. What did you have to give up? What did you gain?

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

You are rich in spirit and God's love. Amen.