

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



November 20, 2016

**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.

**Author and Creator of all, your covenant is eternal and your word unbreakable. Nurture your promise within us that it may flourish and feed us as your beloved children. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

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

*But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Jeremiah 31:33*

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

What do you do when the king dislikes your prophecy so much that he simply burns the scroll? Start again, Jeremiah. But soon, written covenants will no longer be needed, as the people will keep God's promises where it matters most: in their hearts.

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

**The Word of God is written on our hearts – it is what we search for our whole lives, and sometimes touch.**

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

Sunday: *A New Covenant Promised (Christ the King)*,

Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; then 31:31-34

Monday: *Israel Is Like an Unfaithful Spouse*, Jeremiah 3:1-5, 4:1-4

Tuesday: *Mourning for the People*, Jeremiah 8:18-9:3

Wednesday: *God Will Restore Israel*, Jeremiah 16:14-21

Thursday: *The Potter and the Clay*, Jeremiah 18:1-11

Friday: *Lamenting a Fallen City*, Lamentations 1:1-22

Saturday: *God Will Restore Israel and Judah*, Jeremiah 30:1-24

**How do these readings portray the relationship between God and God's 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?**

**Is it possible to change the behavior of an entire community? What part might you play in improving your community's behavior?**

**What does it mean for you that God has written God's word on your heart? What evidence will others find that God's word is written on your heart?**

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

**Make a vision board.** Cut out pictures and words from magazines that appeal to you. Then use a glue stick to glue them to a large poster board. This board will represent the images and words that show how you desire to show up in the world.

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

**May God write God's word on your heart. Amen.**