

# God's Story Our Story™

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Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**One true God, we are your dwelling place. Brought close to you by grace, may we reflect the unity which ours in Christ, in the Church and in the world. Amen.**



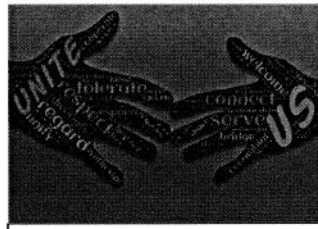
**Read:** Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

*<sup>17</sup>So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup>for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. (Ephesians 2:17-18)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**The believers in Ephesus are given a monumental task: to live as though the age-old divisions of culture and religion no longer exist, for Jesus has made such distinctions irrelevant. Are these new Christians up to the challenge?**



One in Christ



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**What kinds of people are you most afraid of, or do you dislike the most? Why? What could you do to understand them better?**

**Wonder: Who might God dislike? Why?**



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

**May God make us all one in Christ. Amen.**



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

**Learn three new facts about someone or a group that you dislike. Does growing in understanding help you move from hate to love?**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, Ephesians 2:11-22, One in Christ  
Monday, Ephesians 3:1-6, Paul's Ministry  
Tuesday, Ephesians 3:7-12, Paul's Ministry  
Wednesday, Ephesians 3:13, Paul's Prayer  
Thursday, Ephesians 3:14-15, Paul's Prayer  
Friday, Ephesians 3:16-19, Paul's Prayer  
Saturday, Ephesians 3:20-22, Paul's Prayer