

# 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.

Heavenly Creator, we live in a world of increasing confusion and mixed messages. Show us clearly the path that you have set, the way that leads to you alone. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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

*<sup>8</sup>And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, "Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come." (Revelation 4:8)*



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

The writer of Revelation so well cloaked his letter to the early Christians in bizarre imagery, it seems he was destined to be misunderstood. But the message is clear: God's power transcends everything; there is nothing to fear.



Joy and Hope  
Amid Sorrow



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

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

Tell of a time you felt sorrow or grief. Describe a light you found, even in the midst of your darkness.

**Wonder:** If this story in Revelation was made into a movie, who would play the roles? What might the characters look like? The sets?



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

May God bring joy and hope amid sorrow. Amen.



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

Draw or paint a picture of the images represented in this text, the way you see them in your mind's eye. Do some research to unpack what the images may have represented. Are your images dark and foreboding, or colorfully whimsical?



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

Sunday, Revelation 4:1-11, Joy and Hope Amid Sorrow

Monday, Revelation 1:1-8, Introduction

Tuesday, Revelation 1:9-20, A Vision of Christ

Wednesday, Revelation 2:1-11, Message to Ephesus, Smyrna

Thursday, Revelation 2:12-29, Message to Pergamum, Thyatira

Friday, Revelation 3:1-13, Message to Sardis, Philadelphia

Saturday, Revelation 3:14-22, Message to Laodicea