

# 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.

Holy Lord, we offer ourselves to you, and you claim us as your own. Make of our lives a never-ending testimony to your goodness and mercy, which are ours through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



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

*<sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." (Acts 2:38-39)*



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

The world's powers bluster on about their own importance, and why you should fear them. God sits back with an immovable calm and enduring authority—the kind that stops armies in their tracks.



Baptism



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

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

What does baptism mean to you? If you have been baptized, how does it shape your life? If you have not been baptized, is it something you desire for yourself? Why or why not?

**Wonder:** Does baptism change you? If so, in what ways? In what ways are you unchanged?



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

May God shape you in God's image. Amen.



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

If you have not been baptized, write a short story of who you are. Write a short story of who you might be if you got baptized. Is baptism important to you? Why or why not?

If you have been baptized, pull out photos or memorabilia from your baptism. Share the story of your baptism with someone.



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

Sunday, Psalm 46, Acts 2:37-42, Baptism

Monday, Matthew 28:16-20, Jesus Commissions the Disciples

Tuesday, Mark 16:14-18, Jesus Commissions the Disciples

Wednesday, John 1:29-34, The Lamb of God

Thursday, Acts 8:26-40, Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

Friday, Acts 9:1-19, The Conversion of Saul

Saturday, Acts 16:16-40, Paul and Silas in Prison