

# 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.

**Living Christ, you are our hope when all hope has failed. Gather us under your wings of mercy, and renew your song of praise within our hearts. In your holy name, we pray, Amen.**



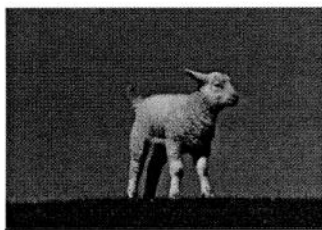
**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

***<sup>8</sup>When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. (Revelation 5:8)***



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

**John's secret message to the persecuted Christians continues as cryptically as before. Only now a familiar presence appears. The resurrected Lamb, worthy to reveal God's message—can there be any doubt of his identity?**



Scroll and Lamb



**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 knew God was protecting you.**

**Wonder: Why did John use the image of the Lamb? What comes to mind when you read this text?**



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

**May God hold you in God's protection and care. Amen.**



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

**Gather several items to use in prayer and meditation that are not part of your normal routine. (candles, prayer book, incense, spa music) Use these as you pray, and notice how they affect the nature and atmosphere of your prayer time.**



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

Sunday, Revelation 5:1-13, Scroll and Lamb

Monday, Revelation 5:14, Amen!

Tuesday, Revelation 6:9-17, Seven Seals

Wednesday, Revelation 7:1-8, 144,000 of Israel

Thursday, Revelation 8, Seventh Seal

Friday, Revelation 9, Seven Trumpets

Saturday, Revelation 10, Angel and Scroll