

God's Story Our Story



March 27, 2016

Devotion: Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone, as a couple, as a family; 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.

**Resurrected one, grant us courage to go out on the road, seeking you.
Remind us that your mission is just beginning. Amen.**

Reflect: Reflect on the key verses from Sunday's reading.

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him." Mark 16:5-6

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

Some of Jesus' followers went to the tomb to anoint him, very early in the day, as soon as it was permitted. When they arrived, they found an empty tomb and a messenger who sent them out from that place with good news to share.

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

Sunday, Mark 16:1-8, *Resurrection*

Monday, Psalm 118:21-27

Tuesday, Mark 16:8, *The Shorter Ending of Mark*

Wednesday, Mark 16:9-11, *Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene*

Thursday, Mark 16:12-13, *Jesus Appears to Two Disciples*

Friday, Mark 16:14-18, *Jesus Commissions the Disciples*

Saturday, Mark 16:19-20, *The Ascension of Jesus*

Mark has several endings. It is speculated the last two may have been added throughout the centuries. How does Jesus' story read differently when ended at verse 8?

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?

How does Jesus' resurrection shape your life? How would your life be different if you didn't have Jesus in it?

What makes you different from people who do not believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus? What makes you the same? How does Jesus see those that are different from you?

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

Send Easter cards to family and friends. Let them know how Jesus positively impacts your life.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God raise you up to new life each and every day. Amen.