

God's Story Our Story



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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.

Loving God, your love can transform any dark thing into light. Help us to love as you love, with patience, kindness, selflessness, and joy. Amen.

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

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

Love is the glue that binds humanity together. It is a living, breathing thing that gives life to those who hold it within themselves and give it away. Today's reading describes clearly how love operates and thrives in this world.

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

Sunday, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, *Faith, Hope, and Love*

Monday, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, *Proclaiming Christ Crucified*

Tuesday, 1 Corinthians 2:6-16, *The True Wisdom of God*

Wednesday, 1 Corinthians 3:1-23, *On Divisions in the Church*

Thursday, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, *Spiritual Gifts*

Friday, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, *One Body with Many Members*

Saturday, 1 Corinthians 14:1-25, *Gifts of Prophecy and Tongues*

How do these readings describe Christian living?

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 love shape you? Who do you love? Who loves you? Who is hard to love? What could you do to make it easier to love those who are harder to love?

What are your spiritual gifts? Who has spiritual gifts that complement yours? How can you do more together than you could do by yourself?

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

Find someone with complementary gifts. Work together do accomplish a project you would have trouble accomplishing on your own – a food drive at your church, a video of your church's outreach programs, visiting the sick or shut-in, etc.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God fill you abundantly with spiritual gifts. Amen.