

God's Story™

Our Story



Reconciliation

June 19, 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.

Reconciling God, you make everything new. Show us your vision, that we might see the world as you do, loving all and serving all, for the sake of Christ. Amen.

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

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:18

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

Paul gives the Corinthians a reason to boast: the love of Christ! He invites them to look – and live – beyond themselves and what they once knew was possible. Everything is different now. Reconciliation with God is a game changer.

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

Sunday, 2 Corinthians 5:11-21, *Reconciliation*

Monday, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, *Reconciliation*

Tuesday, 2 Corinthians 6:14 – 7:1, *The Temple of the Living God*

Wednesday, 2 Corinthians 7:2-16, *Paul's Joy at the Church's Repentance*

Thursday, 2 Corinthians 8:16:24, *Commendation of Titus*

Friday, 2 Corinthians 9:1-15, *The Collection for Christians at Jerusalem*

Saturday, 2 Corinthians 10:1-18, *Paul Defends His Ministry*

What does Paul say about reconciliation?

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?

What kinds of social tensions exist within your community? What truths do you find in both sides? How can you be change for your community?

Tell a story of a time you were isolated or alone, and then were reconciled with people who love you.

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

Consider someone who has been outcast or shunned from your community. Call them on the phone to let them know they are still loved.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God reconcile you with the community of God's beloved children. Amen.