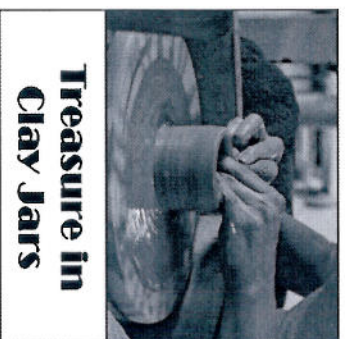


# God's Story Our Story

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**Treasure in  
Clay Jars**

June 5, 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.

**Creator of all, you have made us fragile, yet unbreakable in your trustworthy hands. Give us good courage to persevere in your mission, with Christ always alive in us. Amen.**

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

*But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.* 2 Corinthians 4:7

**Study:** Study the reading and consider the background.

Paul builds up the Corinthians, motivating them to persevere in the zeal of their mission. We may be imperfect, damaged, downtrodden – but never destroyed. For we possess the one thing which cannot be suppressed: the life of Jesus.

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

Sunday, 2 Corinthians 4:1-15, *Treasure in Clay Jars*

Monday, Colossians 1:15-23, *The Supremacy of Christ*

Tuesday, Genesis 1:1 – 2:4, *Creation*

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

Thursday, Hebrews 13:1-19, *Service Well-Pleasing to God*

Friday, Galatians 6:11-18, *Final Admonitions and Benediction*

Saturday, Romans 8:31-39, *God's Love in Christ Jesus*

**What is our role in human community as it pertains to Christ?**

**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 does it mean to you that "we have this treasure in clay jars"?**

**What is the treasure? What is the clay jar?**

**How does God's power work in and through your life? Tell a story of a time you felt God's power within you.**

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

Get a chunk of clay from a craft store. Create something that reminds you that God values you enough to store God's treasure within you. Display your artwork somewhere that you can be reminded daily that you are valuable to God.

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

May God fill you with God's power and treasure. Amen.