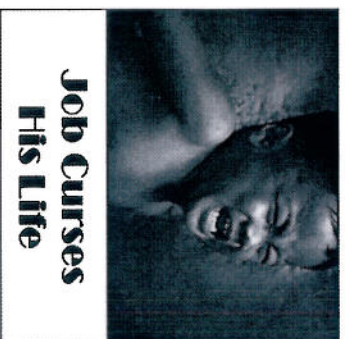


# God's Story Our Story

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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.

Lord, you listen to our every grief with patience and love. Give us confidence to approach you, knowing that you will never turn us away, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

*Job said: "Let the day perish in which I was born, and the night that said, 'A man-child is conceived. Let that day be darkness! May God above not seek it, or light shine on it.'" Job 3:2-4*

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

After losing not only his property and his children, Job loses his health. He has reached his breaking point. In his suffering he curses his life, yet still he refuses to curse the Creator who gave him life.

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

Sunday, Job 3:1-10; 4:1-9; 7:11-21, *Job Curses His Life*

Monday, Job 8, *Bilhad Speaks*

Tuesday, Job 9-10, *Job Replies*

Wednesday, Job 11, *Zophar Speaks*

Thursday, Job 12, *Job Replies*

Friday, Job 13, *Job Replies*

Saturday, Job 14, *Job's Prayer*

**How do Job's friends explain the question of suffering?**

**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 do you think is an appropriate way to communicate with God? Is it ok to be angry? Is it ok to curse one's life in prayer? Why or why not?

Tell a story of a time you were angry with God or angry with a situation in your life.

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

Make two lists. On one list write all the things about your life that cause you pain or suffering. On the other list write all the things about your life that cause you joy or peace. Add to your list all week. At the end of the week surrender the things of suffering to God. Consider how your perspective might be shifted so that the list of joyful things becomes more prominent in your mind.

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

May God hear your laments and respond with love. Amen.