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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.

Gracious God, you guide us through the most difficult times of our lives. Give us hope in Christ that we, like he, will rise again. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

"For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!" Job 19:25-

27

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

Job has lost everything. Or so it seems. Here, after friends and health have deserted, can he find hope for rebirth out of the ashes of grief?



Job's Prayer

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

Sunday, Job 14:7-15; 19:23-27, *Job's Prayer*

Monday, Job 15, *Eliphaz Speaks*

Tuesday, Job 16, *Job Replies*

Wednesday, Job 17, *Job's Prayer*

Thursday, Job 18, *Bildad Speaks*

Friday, Job 19, *Job Replies*

Saturday, Job 20, *Zophar Speaks*

How does Job respond to his friends' accusations?

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 things can you pray for? Is there anything that is off limits concerning prayer? Why or why not?

Tell a story of a time you prayed boldly. What was the outcome of your prayer?

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

Pray boldly for things that you have been reluctant to pray for. (Healing, relief from financial stress, mending of a broken relationship) Pray as if there is nothing you cannot pray for.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God receive your prayers with patience and love. Amen.