

# God's Story™

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**Devotion:** Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone or with others; 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 God,

You clearly show no partiality among those whom you have created. May our joy be even a fraction of yours at the restoration of those who have wandered away from your promises and the joy of your abundant life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

*Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.* "Luke 15:10

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

Finding something you thought you'd lost feels like a second chance, a new beginning. From keepers of sheep and seekers of coins to fathers of wayward children, Jesus brings home the unfettered joy of a creator reunited with those who are most beloved.

**Consider:** Consider this theme for the week's text.

God welcomes every single one of God's children into God's kingdom; none is more valuable than another.

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

Sunday: *Prodigal Son*, Luke 15:11-32

Monday: *The Law of the Firstborn's Inheritance*, Deuteronomy 21:15-17

Tuesday: *Stoning a Rebellious Son*, Deuteronomy 21:18-21

Wednesday: *Penitent's Psalm*, Psalm 51

Thursday: *A Righteous Heart*, Proverbs 21:1-5

Friday: *The Parable of the Dishonest Manager*, Luke 16:1-13

Saturday: *The Kingdom of God*, Luke 16:14-18

**How persistent is God?**

**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?

Who in your community has been outcast or has lost their way? How might you help them become found? What message of God's love could you bring? How could you support them in their struggles?

How far from God have you strayed? What will you do this week to spend intentional time with God?

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

Look for something that you have lost. What is the experience of searching like? What is the experience of finding like? What is the experience of not finding like?

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

God finds you wherever you are. Amen.