

# God's Story Our Story<sup>™</sup>

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Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**Merciful Lord, you are at once full of mercy and righteousness. Rouse us from complaisance and light your fire within us again, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

*<sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. (John 2:14-15)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**Cattle, sheep, doves—all for sale. Just another day at the temple. But today, money changers had better be on their guard. Jesus is in town and he's not pleased with what has become of his Father's house.**



Jesus Cleanses  
the Temple



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**What questionable behaviors or customs does your community practice that are so embedded in your community, they have not been examined for a long time? How could you begin to effect change?**

**Wonder:** What happened after Jesus' fit of anger? Did people change? Why or why not?



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

**May God shake up your status quo. Amen.**



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

**Clean your house. Get rid of things that are bogging you down. Lighten your load. Simplify.**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, John 2:13-25, Jesus Cleanses the Temple  
Monday, Psalm 127:1-2, God's Blessing in the Home  
Tuesday, Psalm 127:3-5, God's Blessing in the Home  
Wednesday, Psalm 128:1-2, The Happy Home of the Faithful  
Thursday, Psalm 128:3-4, The Happy Home of the Faithful  
Friday, Psalm 128: 5-6, The Happy Home of the Faithful  
Saturday, Psalm 129:1-8, Prayer for the Downfall of Israel's Enemies