

Wedding at Cana

January 9, 2022

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



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

Holy God, you rejoice with us when we celebrate our relationships. When Jesus turned water into wine, he honored the hosts. Teach us to honor our relationships as Jesus did. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

"Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. (John 2:11)"



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus performed his first miracle—turning water to wine at a wedding—for his mom.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

Tell of a time you were challenged to act before you were ready. Did you act anyway? How did it go?

For the littles: Do you think Jesus had fun at his friend's wedding? Did he dance? Did he laugh?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless all your milestones. Amen.



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

Celebrate your nearest milestone with cake. If you don't have one coming up, celebrate anyway! Here are some upcoming holidays you could celebrate:

Jan 10, National Houseplant Appreciation Day

Jan 11, National Learn Your Name in Morse Code Day

Jan 12, National Hot Tea Day

Jan 13, National Rubber Ducky Day

Jan 14, National Dress Up Your Pet Day

Jan 15, National Hat Day (And MLK's Birthday, of course!)



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Sunday, John 2:1-11, Wedding at Cana

Monday, John 2:12, Jesus Goes to Capernaum

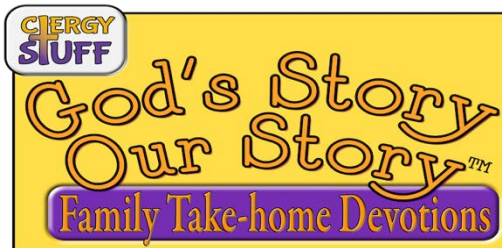
Tuesday, Psalm 104:1-9, God the Creator and Provider

Wednesday, Psalm 104:10-23, God the Creator and Provider

Thursday, Psalm 104:24-26, God the Creator and Provider

Friday, Psalm 104:27-30, God the Creator and Provider

Saturday, Psalm 104:31-35, God the Creator and Provider



January 16, 2022

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

God of justice, Jesus was angry when he saw how people treated the temple, your house. Remind us that how we treat your house, your mission, and your people matters. Amen.



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

¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making 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.

Jesus was angry when he saw what was going on in the temple. Sometimes anger is the right thing.



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?

What do you think happened after Jesus' fit of anger? Did people change? Why or why not?

For the littles: Do you like to spend money or save it?



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.



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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



Nicodemus

January 23, 2022

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



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

Light of the world, you sent Nicodemus by cover of night to learn from Jesus, and Jesus shone a light on the darkness many were living under. Shine your light on us so that we may be beacons for others. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." (John 3:3)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

A Jewish leader seeks Jesus under cover of night to ask him the questions which plague his mind, safe from the criticism of his colleagues. What he gets is an education in keeping things hidden.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

In baptism, we die to the old self to be born anew. What needs to die within you so that God can create new life there?

What would you ask Jesus if you could meet him in the middle of the night?

For the littles: Are you afraid of the dark?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God give you new life. Amen.



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

Go swimming. It's January, so you will have to find an indoor pool. Try a local Y or a nearby hotel. As you swim out of season, consider Jesus' blessings given in baptism.



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Sunday, John 3:1-21, Nicodemus

Monday, John 3:22-30, Jesus and John the Baptist

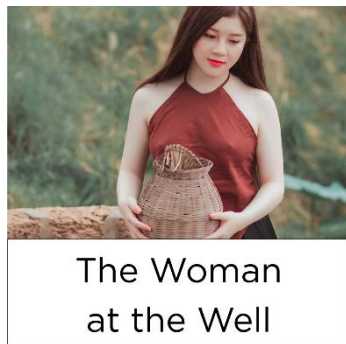
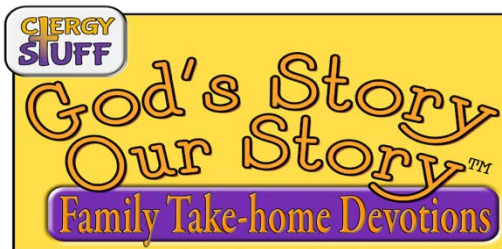
Tuesday, John 3:31-36, The One Who Comes from Heaven

Wednesday, Psalm 139:1-6, The Inescapable God

Thursday, Psalm 139:7-12, The Inescapable God

Friday, Psalm 139:13-18, The Inescapable God

Saturday, Psalm 139:19-24, The Inescapable God



The Woman
at the Well

January 30, 2022

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



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

God of unity, Jesus broke down barriers wherever he went. Teach us to treat people like they matter, because they do. Amen.



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

¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

When Jesus stopped at Jacob's Well, he engaged with a Samaritan woman, who then became one of his first missionaries. Jesus broke down barriers wherever he went.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

Where do you draw living water? What nourishes your soul?

What nourishes God's soul?

For the littles: What makes you feel happy?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God fill you with living water. Amen.



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

Add more fruits and vegetables to your meals this week. Drink lots of water. Take several long walks. Nourish your body as well as your soul.



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Sunday, John 4:1-42, The Woman at the Well

Monday, Psalm 42:1-3

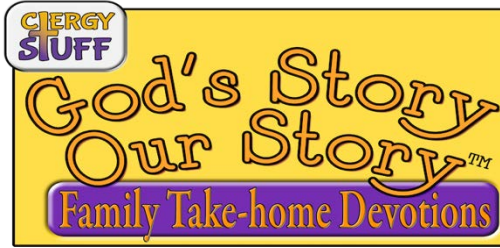
Tuesday, John 4:43-45, Jesus Returns to Galilee

Wednesday, Jeremiah 2:8-18, Hope in the Lord

Thursday, Jeremiah 17:8-18 Hope for Israel

Friday, Song of Solomon 4:10—5:4, Sweet Love

Saturday, Zechariah 14:3-13, Day of Deliverance



Healing Stories

February 6, 2022

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



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

God of restoration, you have the power to heal and to renew. Mend all that is broken in us and in our world, and bring us to wholeness, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



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

"When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. (John 9:6-7)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus healed many people—not just their bodies, but in all areas of wellness.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

Are there people today who are still blamed for their misfortune (poverty, addiction, homelessness, mental illness)? How might we become instruments of understanding and acceptance for them?

For the littles: Who do you know that is differently abled? What adaptations have been made so they can best experience the world?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless you with sight and insight. Amen.



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

Watch the TED Talk by Stella Young, "I'm not your inspiration, thank you very much." Discuss it with those in your bubble.



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Sunday, John 4:46-54 [5:1-18], Healing Stories

Monday, John 5:1-18, Healing Stories

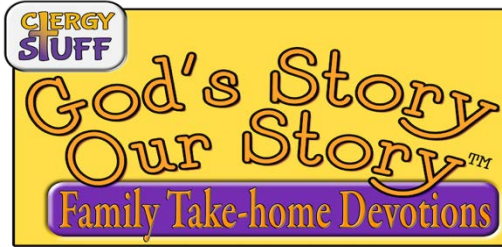
Tuesday, John 5:19-29, The Authority of the Son

Wednesday, John 5:30-47, Witnesses to Jesus

Thursday, John 6:1-15, Feeding the Five Thousand

Friday, John 6:16-21, Jesus Walks on Water

Saturday, John 6:22-34, Bread from Heaven



Bread of Life

February 13, 2022

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



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

God of sustenance, you sent your son, Jesus, to be living bread for the world. Give us your living bread, that we may consume, and then share your everlasting life with others, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

⁴⁸*"I am the bread of life."* (John 6:48)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus proclaimed that he is "the bread of life." Although people had trouble understanding the words coming from the boy they once knew, Jesus' invitation is clear. He is the bread of life and we are invited to partake.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

Besides food, what do you need to live? What do you think Jesus meant when he said, "I am the bread of life"?

For the littles: What do you think it was like sharing a meal with Jesus?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God fill you with sustenance. Amen.



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

Research a food manufacturer or farm near you. Take a field trip to the location and learn what you can about how food is grown, cultivated, and processed for consumption. Consider how knowing where your food comes from shapes your food choices.



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Sunday, John 6:35-59, Bread of Life

Monday, Psalm 34:1-10

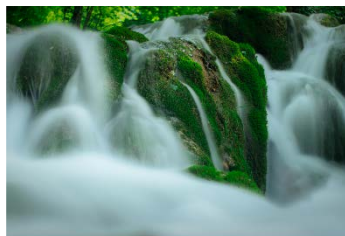
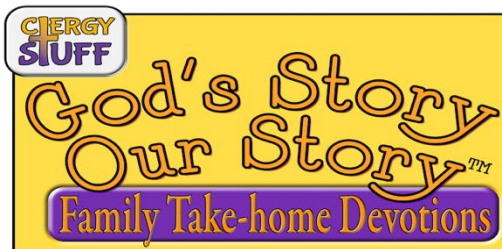
Tuesday, John 6:60-71, Words of Eternal Life

Wednesday, John 7:1-9, The Unbelief of Jesus' Brothers

Thursday, John 7:10-24, Festival of Booths

Friday, John 7:25-31, Is This the Christ?

Saturday, John 7:32-36, Officers Are Sent to Arrest Jesus



Living Water

February 20, 2022

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



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

God of all who thirst, you sent your son, Jesus, to bring the living water of eternal life to all the earth. Quench the thirst of all who long for your word, your truth, and your presence, for the sake of him who gave everything to save all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

³⁷*"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"*

(John 7:37b-38)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." Jesus is that living water.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

What was Jesus asking people to do when he said, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me"? What comes out of you that contributes positively to the world?

For the littles: What is your favorite thing to drink?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God fill you with living water. Amen.



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

Water is literally necessary for life. Many have little or no access to water. Donate or volunteer for a charity like charitywater.org, water.org, bloodwater.org, wateraid.org, or another organization that provides clean drinking water to underserved populations.



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Sunday, John 7:37-52, Living Water

Monday, Psalm 147:1-11

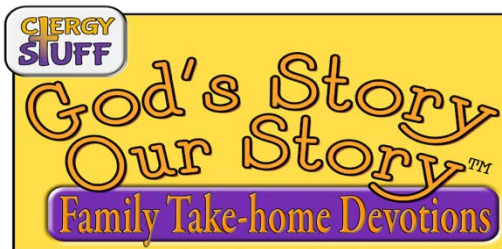
Tuesday, John 7:53-8:11, The Woman Caught in Adultery

Wednesday, John 8:12-20, Jesus the Light of the World

Thursday, John 8:21-30, Jesus Foretells His Death

Friday, John 8:31-38, True Disciples

Saturday, John 8:39-59, Jesus and Abraham



The Man Born Blind
(Transfiguration)

February 27, 2022

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



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

Healing Lord, when Jesus healed the man born blind, the Pharisees didn't know how to interpret the signs. Open our hearts so that we may receive what you offer—healing, faith, and new life. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

"He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight.'" (John 9:11)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

The Pharisees couldn't understand how a sinner that works on the sabbath could also perform miracles like healing a man born blind. They would have to wrestle with this inconsistency of thought.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

How does Jesus reveal himself to you? Do you feel Jesus most close by when things are going well or when they are not?

For the littles: What's something new you have learned this week?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God reveal Jesus to you daily. Amen.



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

Journal every day this week. Make special note of the things you see more clearly once they are written down.



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Sunday, John 9:1-41, The Man Born Blind (Transfiguration)

Monday, Psalm 27:1-4

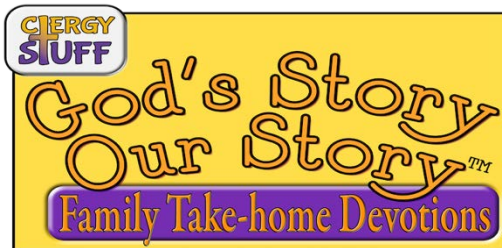
Tuesday, Matthew 11:25-27, God Reveals Hidden Things

Wednesday, John 10:1-18, The Good Shepherd

Thursday, John 10:19-42, Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews

Friday, Isaiah 2:5-10, House of Jacob Walks in the Light

Saturday, Isaiah 9:2-7, A Great Light



The Good Shepherd
(Ash Wednesday)

March 2, 2022

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



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

Good shepherd, we come to you broken, for we have broken your world. Heal what we have harmed, and make us whole again. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (John 10:11)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus is the shepherd and the gate that ushers all his flocks into God's salvation. Jesus has his hands full.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

As Christians live into an increasingly diverse cultural and religious landscape, how can we engage in respectful conversations with people of different world views? How would you describe the Good Shepherd to people who believe differently?

For the littles: How are you like a sheep? How are you different?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God guide you as only the Good Shepherd can. Amen.



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

Go to the nearest zoo, farm, or park. Observe the animals. How are they like us? How are they unlike us? What can we learn from God's beloved creatures?



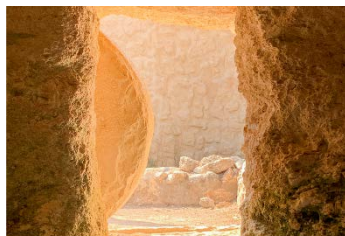
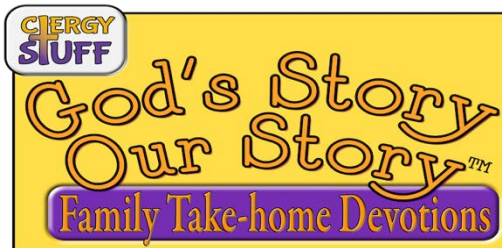
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Thursday, John 10:19-42, Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews

Friday, Isaiah 2:5-10, House of Jacob Walks in the Light

Saturday, Isaiah 9:2-7, A Great Light



Jesus Raises
Lazarus

March 6, 2022

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

God who weeps, as Jesus wept for the loss of his friend and the grief of the family, we know you weep when we suffer. Remind us of your presence and your goodness during times of sorrow and joy. Amen.



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

⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." (John 11:43-44)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

When his friend Lazarus died, Jesus wept. He felt the loss deeply.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

What inside of you needs to die and be resurrected? What needs Jesus' attention in your life? What did people think when they saw Lazarus alive? What would you have done?

For the littles: Is there anything Jesus can't do?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God raise you to new life. Amen.



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

Visit a funeral home. Talk with the director there. Learn what their job is like. How do they stay positive in the midst of so much loss? How do they care for themselves and others? What have they learned from being around so much death and grief?



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Sunday, John 11:1-44, Jesus Raises Lazarus

Monday, John 11:45-57, The Plot to Kill Jesus

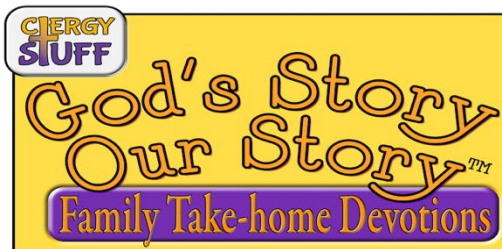
Tuesday, John 12:1-8, Mary Anoints Jesus

Wednesday, John 12:9-11, The Plot to Kill Lazarus

Thursday, John 12:12-19, Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Friday, John 12:20-26, Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus

Saturday, John 12:27-35, Jesus Speaks about His Death



Jesus Washes Feet

March 13, 2022

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

God of all who serve, when Jesus knelt to wash the feet of his friends, he taught us all a new way of being. Teach us to humble ourselves so that serving is our new normal. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

^sPeter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." (John 13:8)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus opened the disciples' eyes to a new way of being, inviting them to take the role of the lesser for the sake of the other.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

How have you fallen into a role within your household or work environment? Was your role intentional or did you fall into it unintentionally? Is your role working for you, or could it stand a change?

What does it feel like to have someone wash your feet? Is it an intimate experience? Do you feel vulnerable?

For the littles: Do you like having your feet washed?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God reverse your role. Amen.



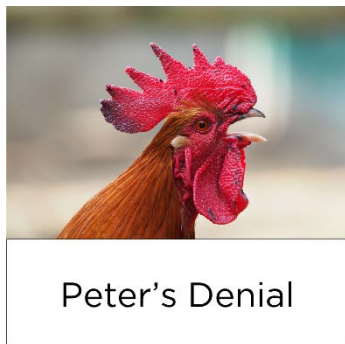
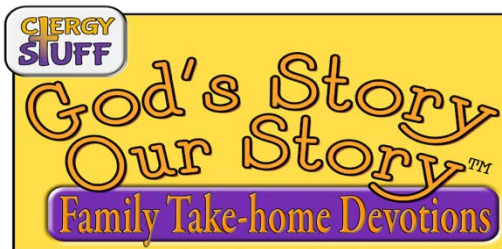
Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Wash someone's feet. Notice how intimate and vulnerable it can be to wash and be washed.



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Sunday, John 13:1-17, Jesus Washes Feet
Monday, John 12:36-43, The Unbelief of the People
Tuesday, John 12:44-50, Summary of Jesus' Teaching
Wednesday, John 13:18-30, Jesus Foretells His Betrayal
Thursday, John 13:31-35, The New Commandment
Friday, John 13:36-38, Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial
Saturday, John 14:1-14, Jesus the Way to the Father



Peter's Denial

March 20, 2022

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



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

Faithful Lord, Peter denied knowing you when you needed the love and support of your disciples the most. Help us to show up when we are needed. Amen.



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

²⁶One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed. (John 18:26-27)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Peter's courage sent him into the courtyard to witness the events of Jesus' arrest and conviction. Peter's fear made him deny knowing his Lord and friend.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

What lies are being told that are so subtle that our culture accepts them as truth? How might you uncover some of those lies for yourself? How might you change your mind about what you believe?

How did Peter feel when he realized what he had done? How would you feel?

For the littles: Who or what reminds you to do the things you're supposed to do?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God walk with you, even in your darkest moments. Amen.



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

Make a list of people you avoid because you owe them an apology. Pick one person on the list and ask for their forgiveness.



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Sunday, John 18:12-27, Peter's Denial

Monday, John 14:15-31, The Promise of the Holy Spirit

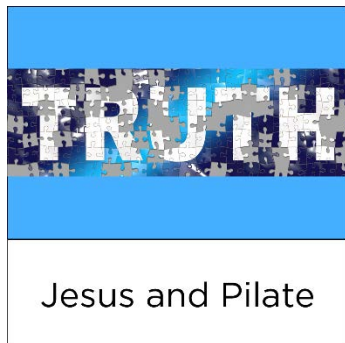
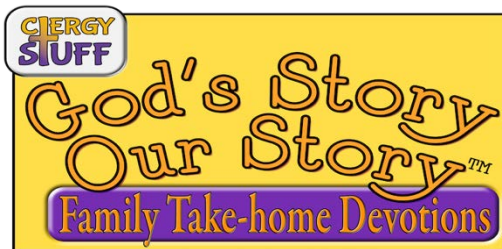
Tuesday, John 15:1-17, Jesus the True Vine

Wednesday, John 15:18—6:4a, The World's Hatred

Thursday, John 16:4b-15, The Work of the Spirit

Friday, John 16:16-24, Sorrow Will Turn into Joy

Saturday, John 16:25-33, Peace for the Disciples



March 27, 2022

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

Lord Jesus, even in the middle of interrogation, you kept your eyes on the mission before you. Grant us courage in the face of danger, and conviction when it would be easy to falter. Amen.



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

³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" (John 18:37-38)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus could turn a word when he met with Pilate during his trial. He knew where the conversation had to lead—to his death.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

Tell of a time you weren't sure what you were hearing was the truth or lies. How did you discern the truth?

Did Pilate believe Jesus was a king? Do you?

For the little: How do you know when someone is telling the truth?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God speak truth to you. Amen.



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

Make a list of your top 5 values. Think of someone whose values differ from yours. Make a list of their top 5 values, to the best of your ability. How do your values shape what you perceive as truth?



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Sunday, John 18:28-40, Jesus and Pilate

Monday, Psalm 145:10-13

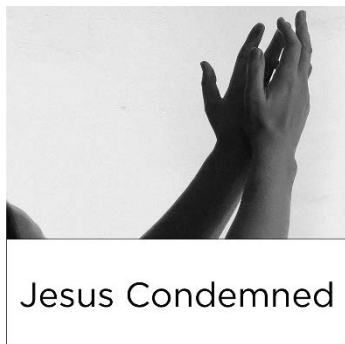
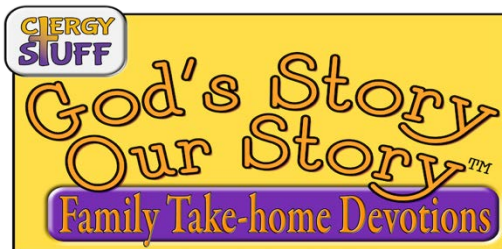
Tuesday, Isaiah 45:18-19, Lord Speaks the Truth

Wednesday, Amos 5:6-13, Hate for the One Who Speaks Truth

Thursday, John 17:1-19, Jesus Prays for His Disciples

Friday, John 17:20-26, Jesus Prays for His Disciples

Saturday, John 18:1-11, The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus



April 3, 2022

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



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

God of justice, Jesus faced an unjust justice system. Help us to work toward justice, so that the system can work for all. Amen.

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



¹⁵They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor. ¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. (John 19:15-16)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Pilate was judge and jury in the highest profile case ever tried. The consequence of his decision would last forever.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

Tell of a time you were in a crowd when tension started to build. What is it that makes certain behaviors unacceptable when alone or in small groups, but more acceptable in large crowds? Did you keep your head when the crowd started to turn, or did you follow the crowd?

For the littles: How does it feel when someone lets you down?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God guide your thoughts and actions. Amen.



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

Attend a protest and stand up for something you believe in. Keep your head, even if the crowd begins to turn.



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Sunday, John 19:1-16a, Jesus Condemned

Monday, Psalm 146

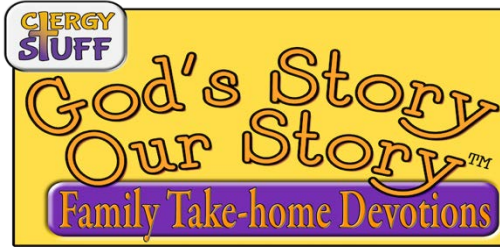
Tuesday, Isaiah 6:1-5, Holy Lord

Wednesday, Isaiah 28:5-6, Spirit of Justice

Thursday, Isaiah 32:1-6, King of Righteousness

Friday, Isaiah 42:1-4, Suffering Servant

Saturday, Jeremiah 23:5-6, Branch of David



The Crucified Messiah
(Palm/Passion Sunday)

April 10, 2022

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



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

King Jesus, today we celebrate all the ways you reign, especially that you have conquered sin and death. Remind us that you are the one, true king. Amen.



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

²¹*Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"*

²²*Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."* (John 19:21-22)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus was a king like no other. He would not only win reign over the earth, but all the spiritual battles, too.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

Who are treated as royalty in our world? What have they done to earn the title? What does it take for them to fall from grace? How can we shift our loyalties so we praise and emulate Jesus more than our celebrities? What would you do if you were royal?

For the littles: What is a king like? How is Jesus like a king? How is Jesus like a queen?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God guide you to walk in the ways of the king. Amen.



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

Take home a palm frond. Fold it into the shape of a cross. (Go here to learn how: <http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Palm-Frond-Cross>). Hang it in your house somewhere you will see it regularly. Think of Jesus every time you see it.



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Sunday, John 19:16b-22, The Crucified Messiah

Monday, Psalm 24

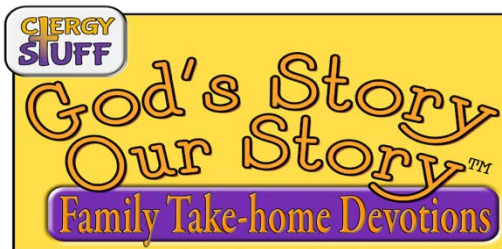
Tuesday, 2 Samuel 22:2-8, Lord Is My Rock

Wednesday, Isaiah 43:8-12, God Delivers

Thursday, John 19:23-30, Jesus' Last Words

Friday, John 19:31-37, Jesus the Passover Lamb

Saturday, John 19:38-42, Passover Lamb



Jesus' Last Words
(Maundy Thursday)

April 14, 2022

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



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

God of sorrow, as we celebrate this Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples, we also remember that it was his last. We thank you for what you did for the greatest good of humanity. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:30)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus cared for his mother and his friend, even when his own life was ending. He invited them to care for each other—a last, loving act for the people he was closest to.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

As today's worship moves from feast to darkness, what emotions are coming up for you? What darkness haunts your spirit? Was Jesus scared?

For the littles: Why do you think people take communion at church?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bring light to your darkness. Amen.



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

Prepare your heart and mind for the darkness to come as we enter the days of Jesus' death.

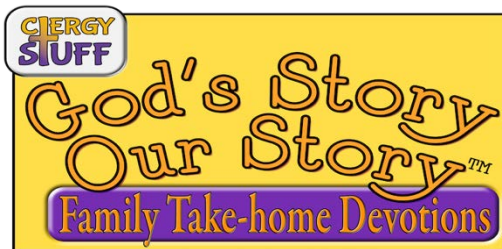


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Thursday, John 19:23-30, Jesus' Last Words

Friday, John 19:31-37, Jesus the Passover Lamb

Saturday, John 19:38-42, Passover Lamb



Jesus the Passover
Lamb (Good Friday)

April 15, 2022

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



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

Messiah, we grieve. We fear. We regret. Yet we are here for you. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

⁴²And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. (John 19:42)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus' death was vicious and cruel. It was also necessary to restore the broken relationship between God and God's people.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

What rituals do you want surrounding your death and burial?

What does death mean to you? What will the afterlife be like?

For the littles: People get sad on Good Friday. They are sad that Jesus died. It's ok to be sad when sad things happen. Who can you talk to when you are sad?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bring hope in a time of hopelessness. Amen.



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

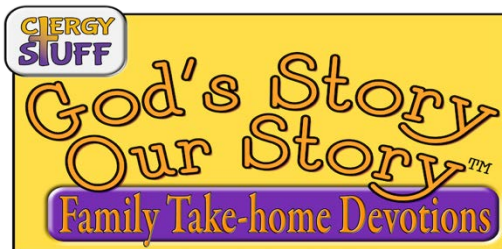
Create a living will. Help your loved ones know what you want as you come to the end of life.



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Friday, John 19:31-37, Jesus the Passover Lamb

Saturday, John 19:38-42, Passover Lamb



Resurrection
(Easter)

April 17, 2022

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



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

Risen Lord, we celebrate today that you are alive! Not just for Mary and the disciples, but you are alive for us today. Live in us and shape us so that others may come to know you. Amen.



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

¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). (John 20:15-16)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Angels, an empty tomb, and a delighted Mary all testify to the miracle—Jesus is alive!



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

What traditions will you celebrate today? What do they mean for you and your family and friends?

How has Jesus shocked or surprised you? If you need a surprise or miracle, ask God for one. Be open to God's response.

For the littles: What's the best thing about Easter? (Be honest!)



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May the God of resurrection bring you new life. Amen.



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

Carry your traditions throughout the entire week. If you eat deviled eggs on Easter, eat them all week long. If you hunt for Easter eggs, look for eggs all week. If you sit down to a family meal, have family meals all week.



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Sunday, John 20:1-18, Resurrection

Monday, John 21:1-14, Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

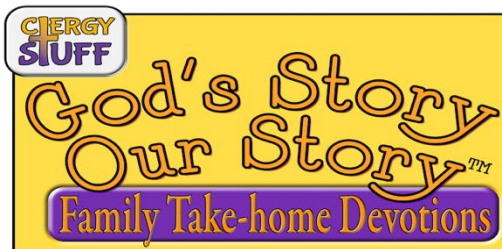
Tuesday, John 21:15-19, Jesus and Peter

Wednesday, John 21:20-25, Jesus and the Beloved Disciple

Thursday, Acts 5:1-11, Ananias and Sapphira

Friday, Acts 5:12-16, The Apostles Heal Many

Saturday, Acts 5:17-42, The Apostles Are Persecuted



Thomas

April 24, 2022

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



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

Holy Spirit, Jesus gave the gift of your presence when he appeared before the disciples. Grant us your presence and teach us to work for the world with the guidance of your advocacy. Amen.



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

²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:27-28)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Thomas and the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit, and it would be the vehicle through which the good news of the risen Christ would be shared and received.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

Tell of a time you doubted something about your faith. Give yourself permission to doubt—doubt leads to wondering, which leads to an even deeper faith. What would you have done in Thomas' position?

For the littles: Is it easier to believe in something you can see? That's normal!



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you doubt and faith. Amen.



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

Take a long walk. (If you cannot take a long walk, find time to meditate.) Take with you a doubt or a challenge that has been haunting you. Work it over as you walk or meditate. Look at it from every angle. Consider all your options. Look at it from God's perspective. Ask God for guidance. See if you can come to greater clarity by the end of your walk or meditation.



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Sunday, John 20:19-31, Thomas

Monday, Acts 6:1-7, Seven Chosen to Serve

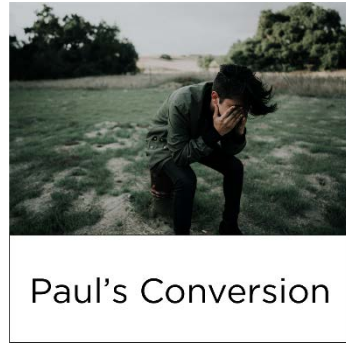
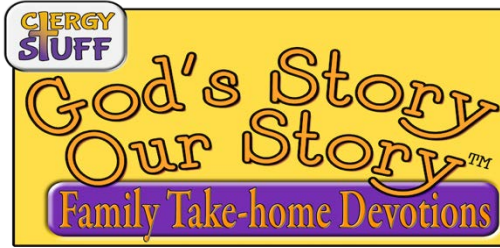
Tuesday, Acts 6:8-15, The Arrest of Stephen

Wednesday, Acts 7:1-22, Stephen's Speech to the Council

Thursday, Acts 7:23-43, Stephen's Speech to the Council

Friday, Acts 7:44-53, Stephen's Speech to the Council

Saturday, Acts 7:54-8:1, The Stoning of Stephen



Paul's Conversion

May 1, 2022

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



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

God who calls us, you took Saul and turned him in a completely new direction. You challenged Paul to become what he hated, and to help others to know a loving God through a risen Christ. Shape us so that we might be molded to your will. Amen.



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

'He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 'He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. (Acts 9:4-5)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Saul's life took a dramatic turn in a single moment. Paul would be forever changed.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

Tell of a time you thought you were headed in one direction, and then life threw you a curveball, and you found yourself headed in an entirely different direction.

What would you have done if you had been Ananias, called to go straight to a man known to persecute and kill Christians?

For the littles: What scares you?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God give you courage to face scary things. Amen.



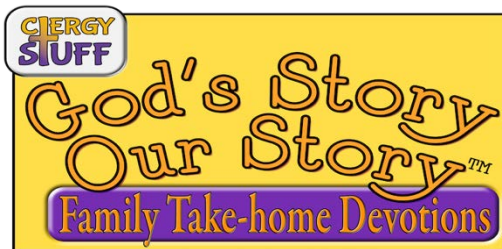
Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Write a love letter to a person or people you hate or fear the most. Consider how God feels about them.



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Sunday, Acts 9:1-19a, Paul's Conversion
Monday, Acts 9:19b-22, Saul Preaches in Damascus
Tuesday, Acts 9:23-31, Saul Escapes from the Jews
Wednesday, Acts 9:36-43, Peter in Lydda and Joppa
Thursday, Acts 10:1-16, Peter and Cornelius
Friday, Acts 10:17-23a, Peter and Cornelius
Saturday, Acts 10:23b-33, Peter and Cornelius



Paul and Silas

May 8, 2022

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



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

God of authenticity, when Paul and Silas healed a girl with a spirit of divination, they were beaten and thrown in jail for threatening her owner's livelihood. They put the jailer's life before their own when they refused to escape. Help us to show our true selves to the world as Paul and Silas did. Amen.



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

²⁹*The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."*
(Acts 16:29-31)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

When Paul and Silas healed a girl with a spirit of divination, the girl's owners had them beaten and thrown in jail. Their act of healing was going to cost them a lot of money.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

Tell of a time something you did had unexpected consequences. What would you do if you were locked up for doing something good and right?

For the littles: Do you always do the right thing? It's ok. Nobody does.



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God work through you in unexpected ways. Amen.



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

Connect with a prison chaplain. Visit the prison with them the next time they go.



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Sunday, Acts 16:16-34, Paul and Silas

Monday, Acts 16:35-40, Paul and Silas

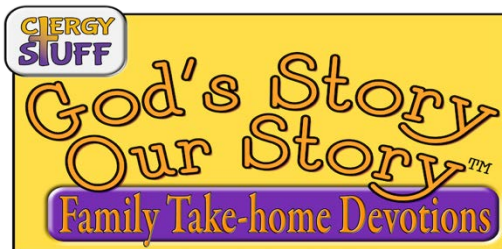
Tuesday, Acts 15:1-11, The Council at Jerusalem

Wednesday, Acts 15:12-21, The Council at Jerusalem

Thursday, Acts 16:1-5, Timothy Joins Paul and Silas

Friday, Acts 16:6-10, Paul's Vision of the Man of Macedonia

Saturday, Acts 16:11-15, The Conversion of Lydia



May 15, 2022



Paul's Sermon at Athens

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



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

God of all wisdom, Paul knew how to sit with people in their own reality before bringing them along the journey of the story of Christ. Teach us to honor people's journeys with grace and respect. Amen.



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

²⁴*The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands,*
²⁵*nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.*
(Acts 17:24-25)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Paul met the people where they were when he addressed them at the Areopagus in Athens. He brought them on the journey of the story of Jesus by starting at their starting line.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

Tell of a time you stepped way outside your comfort zone. What did you learn?

Where would you like to travel? What would you like to see there?

For the littles: What's your favorite story?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God stretch you to learn and grow. Amen.



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

Do a Google search on the Muslim community. Learn 3 things about them that you didn't know before. How does learning about them strengthen your own faith?



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Sunday, Acts 17:16-31, Paul's Sermon at Athens

Monday, Acts 18:1-17, Paul in Corinth

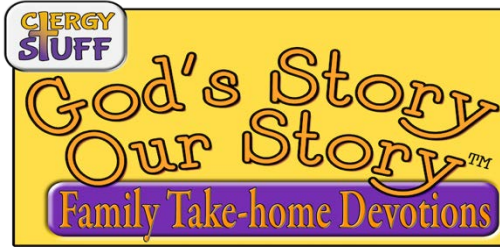
Tuesday, Acts 19:1-10, Paul in Ephesus

Wednesday, Acts 21:27-36, Paul Arrested in the Temple

Thursday, Acts 21:37-22:5, Paul Defends Himself

Friday, Acts 23:12-22, The Plot to Kill Paul

Saturday, Acts 28:23-30, Paul Preaches in Rome



May 22, 2022

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



Partnership in the Gospel



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

God of grace, Paul encouraged believers to have courage and live their truth. Grant us courage and a willingness to put you and others first. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. (Philippians 1:7)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Paul wrote to the Philippians from his prison cell. His words and actions modeled for them grace and courage despite danger and fear.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

Who do you trust most in this world? Why?

What would you do with all your time if you were locked in prison?

For the littles: What does it mean to “make lemonade out of lemons?” Is that something you can do?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you partners you can trust. Amen.



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

Write a poem that describes how you feel about God. Post it on your social media.



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Sunday, Philippians 1:1-18a, Partnership in the Gospel

Monday, Philippians 1:18b-30, Partnership in the Gospel

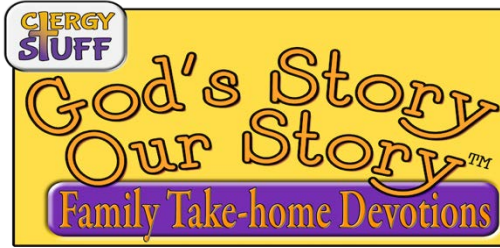
Tuesday, Philippians 2:14-30, Timothy and Epaphroditus

Wednesday, Philippians 3:1-11, Breaking with the Past

Thursday, Philippians 3:12-4:1, Pressing toward the Goal

Friday, Philippians 4:2-9, Exhortations

Saturday, Philippians 4:10-23, Acknowledgment of the Philippians' Gift



The Christ Hymn

May 29, 2022

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



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

Humble Lord, you emptied yourself so that others could be filled. Teach us humility and give us a spirit of service for the good of the community of faith. Amen.



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

'Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 'who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 'but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. (Philippians 2:5-7)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Paul encouraged new believers in Philippi to empty themselves as Christ emptied himself for the betterment of the community.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

What does humility look like to you? How are you humble? In what ways are you not humble? Why would the God who created everything, become human, humble, and empty?

For the littles: What is your favorite song? Does it tell a good story?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God accept your humility with grace. Amen.



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

Philippians 2:1-13 is a hymn that nails what it means to be Jesus. Search your playlist and find the song that nails what it means to be you. If your song is uplifting, play it loud, and dance! If your song is filled with struggle, rewrite it to reflect how you would like your life song to sound. Ask God to rewrite your life to match your rewritten life song.



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Sunday, Philippians 2:1-13, The Christ Hymn

Monday, Acts 1:1-5, The Promise of the Holy Spirit

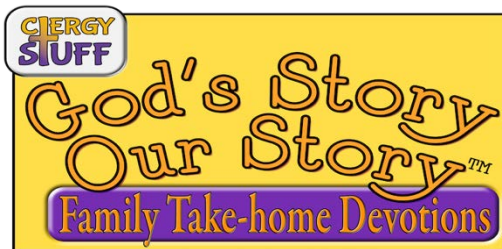
Tuesday, Acts 1:6-11, The Ascension of Jesus

Wednesday, Acts 1:12-26, Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

Thursday, Acts 2:37-42, The First Converts

Friday, Acts 2:43-47, Life Among the Believers

Saturday, Acts 3:1-10, Peter Heals a Crippled Beggar



Rejoice in the Lord
(Pentecost)

June 5, 2022

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



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

Eloquent God, your missionaries spoke and people heard in every language. Help us to speak in a way that we are heard. Help us to hear in a way that others are heard. Amen.



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

²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. (Acts 2:2-4)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The ability to speak to one another was an effective tool for breaking down barriers between people and cultures.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

Tell of a time something happened to you that changed you from the inside out. Was the change positive or negative? How has the change shaped who you are today? Where is God's spirit leading you today?

For the littles: Where do you pray?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God fill you with the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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

Make a list of your top 5 values. Google how to write them in 5 different languages. (You might try these—the New Testament was originally written in Greek; the Old Testament in Hebrew; and Jesus spoke Aramaic.) Hang your words somewhere you can be reminded every day of who you are and what you value.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7, Pentecost; Rejoice in the Lord
Monday, Acts 3:11-16, Peter Speaks in Solomon's Portico
Tuesday, Acts 3:17-26, Peter Speaks in Solomon's Portico
Wednesday, Acts 4:1-12, Peter and John before the Council
Thursday, Acts 4:13-22, Peter and John before the Council
Friday, Acts 4:23-31, The Believers Pray for Boldness
Saturday, Acts 4:32-37, The Believers Share Their Possessions