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Joshua 24:1-15 [16-26]

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



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

God, you bring us safely through all the trials and dangers of our lives. Keep us mindful and make us joyful to praise you with grateful hearts. In the name of Jesus. Amen.



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

"Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

The Israelites have now, at long last, arrived and settled in the land which had been promised to their wandering ancestors. It was God who brought them through it all and delivered on the divine side of the covenant. Now it's the people's turn to choose where their loyalties lie.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

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

How are leaders in your community chosen? What might it look like to trust in God rather than trusting in people?

What covenants or agreements have you made with God? Are these healthy (commitment to follow) or unhealthy (bargaining) agreements?

For the littles: Would you rather help find homes for puppies or help preserve the rainforests? Why? It's good to stand for something!



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing. God of grace, your word inspires our faith. Speak so that we may clearly see the options we face and have wisdom to choose those that draw us to you. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week. Participate in a political event. Decide what you stand for. Stand for it.



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

Monday, 1 Samuel 1:1-28, *Samuel's Birth and Dedication*

Tuesday, 1 Samuel 3:1-18, *Samuel's Calling and Prophecies*

Wednesday, 1 Samuel 7:3-15, *Samuel as Judge*

Thursday, 1 Samuel 8:1-22, *Israel Demands a King*

Friday, 1 Samuel 9:27—10:8, *Saul Anointed as King*

Saturday, 1 Samuel 16:1-13, *David Anointed as King*

Next Week, 2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9,
Nathan and King David