

Monday

- Read Ezekiel 16:1-8.
- As a family consider every detail of the condition of this metaphorical baby. Every member of the family (apart for the littlest ones) should be able to comment on at least one detail.
- Discuss as a family the outlook for this infant. Does this baby have ANY hope apart from someone picking her/him up and caring for it?
- Who does the baby represent? (Israel)
- Thank God for His work in the life of Israel as a people who once were not....but became His very own.

Tuesday

- Read Ephesians 2:1-10.
- This is the story of the New Israel (us!!). Does it sound familiar? Does the baby you read about yesterday sound like a "child of wrath"?
- **What** did God do for the "child of wrath"?
- **Why** did He do it? (v. 4, 7)
- Thank God for His work in a New Israel. Ask Him to give you some good works to walk in (v. 10) in response to this amazing work of grace.

Wednesday

- Read James 1:27
- Do you have disdain for the word "**religion**".
- Is there such thing as good religion? Maybe even pure and undefiled?
- If so, what does it look like?
- What part does your family have to play in the life of an orphan (fatherless) or widow?
- Confess your uninvolvedness (if necessary) and ask Him to engage you in the lives of the fatherless and the widow.....for His glory.....in response to His engagement of us as orphans.

Thursday

- Read Galatians 4:4-6
- Marvel together as a family that God sent His Son at JUST the right time to take on flesh and to fulfill the law SO THAT we could be adopted into His family!
- Wonder together that we now have access to the Father not just as a forgiven criminal but as an adopted heir. That's the sweet scandal of the gospel.
- Share your **marvel** and **wonder** with God in prayer.

Friday

- Read 2 Samuel 9.
- Act this story out as a family and then discuss what God showed you about what He's done for us.
- End the week in prayer as a micro-gathering of Mephibosheths (ie dead dog crippled orphans rescued by a merciful King)