



The Stormy Monk



FAMOUS MOMENTS IN HISTORY

JULY 1505:

LUTHER PREPARES TO RETURN TO HIS LAW STUDIES FOLLOWING SUMMER VACATION...

YOU'D MAKE A GOOD LAWYER. STUDY HARD.
YOU'LL MAKE BIG BUCKS AND WELL BE RICH & FAMOUS!



SAVE ME AND I'LL BECOME A MONK!



SUDDENLY A STORM COMES OUT OF NOWHERE. A BOLT OF LIGHTNING HITS THE GROUND NEAR LUTHER. THINKING GOD IS OUT TO FRY HIM, HE MAKES A DEAL WITH ST. ANNE, THE PATRON SAINT OF MINERS.

A MONK? ACH! WHERE DID WE GO WRONG?

NOW NO ONE WILL REMEMBER THE NAME LUTHER!



TO BE CONTINUED...



SHARE

your highs and lows

Break into pairs.

Listen carefully and record your partner's thoughts in the space provided. Then return to small group and share your friend's highs and lows.

MY HIGH THIS WEEK

MY LOW THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S HIGH THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S LOW THIS WEEK



READ

and highlight the theme verse in your Bible

"By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Luke 1:78-79



TALK

about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows

Choose from the options below to enrich your Talk Time. Invite group members to take turns leading one or more of the following:

IMAGES IN WORDS AND ART

1. What do you see in the cover art? In the cartoons?
2. Where are you in these works of art?
3. How might the art and the theme verse relate to each other?
4. How might they relate to your highs and lows?

CATECHISM ENCOUNTER

Open up your Small Catechism and dig deeper. Flip through Luther's Small Catechism, looking for words that describe God. Write five of them here:

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

1. Have you ever tried to make a deal with God? What happened?
2. How do you picture God? As a friend? A parent? A judge? An unknowable far-off being? A cosmic force? A Santa Claus who is watching to see if you are bad or good?
3. On what do you base your picture of God?

QUOTATIONS

Choose a quotation (right column) and share your thoughts and questions about it.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Use the FINKlink code (lower right) to access interactive games, Bible songs, and additional devotions on this theme.

*The grave of one
who dies for the truth
is holy ground.*

German Proverb

*Restlessness and
discontent are the first
necessities of progress.*

Thomas Edison

*Cautious, careful
people, always casting
about to preserve their
reputations... can never
effect a reform.*

Susan B. Anthony

*Anyone who afflicts the
human race with ideas
must be prepared to see
them misunderstood.*

H. L. Menchen

*It's the end of the
world as we know it,
and I feel fine.*

REM



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Write a definition...

BLACK PLAGUE

EISLEBEN, GERMANY

**LUTHER, MARTIN
(1483-1546)**

MONASTERY

POPE



Gather in a circle. Praise and thank God for your highs. Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you in your lows. Pray for your friend's highs and lows and for your world. Close in Jesus' name.

Prayers for Highs

Prayers for Lows



Trace the sign of the cross on one another's foreheads or palms.

**REMEMBER
1 THING**

One young man's struggle to find peace with God led him to the Scriptures where he came to see righteousness—a right relationship with God—as a gift to those who have faith in Christ Jesus.



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