

# Epic: A love story for the ages



First, watch  
this week's  
video!

Love: Showing  
others how  
much they  
matter to you

## Memory Verse

"Here is what love is.  
It is not that we loved  
God. It is that he  
loved us and sent his  
Son to give his life to  
pay for our sins."  
1 John 4:10, NIV

## Bible Story

Creation  
Genesis 1-2

## Bottom Line

God made us to take  
care of each other.

Use this guide to help your family learn  
how we can share God's love with others.

## Activity

### Would You Rather: Caretaker Edition

#### What You Need:

No supplies needed

#### What You Do:

Say, "Let's play a game. This is 'Would You Rather: Caretaker Edition'! You have to choose which caretaking position you'd rather have. Ready?"

Ask the following questions. If any of your child's responses surprise you, pause and ask your child why they made that particular choice. Also feel free to change or adjust any of the following ideas to best fit your child.

Would you rather . . .

- be a firefighter, or be a dance teacher?
- have a pet guinea pig, or have a pet cat?
- do the dishes, or clean up after the dog?
- be the line leader for the week, or be the teacher's helper?
- clean your room, or clean up after dinner?
- watch your baby sister while your dad makes dinner, or help feed your baby sister?
- be a doctor, or be a teacher?
- invite someone new to sit with you at lunch, or invite the kid who never gets chosen to be on your dodgeball team?
- make dinner for your family, or do the laundry?
- be a coach, or be a veterinarian?

When your child has answered all the questions, say, "You are a great caretaker. Today in our Bible story, we heard about another cool caretaking responsibility we have—taking care of *one another*."



## Talk About the Bible Story

Name the things that God created.  
(Because God created everything, this could be a fun way to challenge your child to see how many parts of creation they can name in a certain amount of time.)

What is special about how God created humans? (*We are the only creation that was made in God's image.*)

What does it look like for us to take care of God's creation? (*We can take care of the earth and take care of each other.*)

What does it look like for us to take care of each other?

*Parent: Share about a time when someone took care of you. How did it feel? What did it remind you about God?*

## Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, You are a BIG and AMAZING God. You are the God who created us. You have a good plan to use us in Your Big Story. Please help us remember that You made us to take care of each other. We know that's a really cool responsibility that You've given us. Help us see how we can show love by taking care of the people around us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

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**Key Question**

How do you know when someone loves you?

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### In the Beginning . . .

#### What You Need:

A few of your child's favorite books; paper and something to write with

#### What You Do:

Ask your child to go grab a few (four or five) of their favorite books, and to use the paper to make a list of the titles. Then, tell your child that they get to lead you in a "first line" challenge.

Grab the list of titles your child made, and turn around so you're facing away from your child. Instruct your child to choose one book and read the first line of it. Then you'll look at the list and try to guess which book the line comes from.

When you're finished, say, "The very first line of any book is so important! It's often what makes a reader want to keep reading. The first line also sets the stage for the rest of the story. Today, we heard about the very beginning of OUR story—when God created the world and everything in it."

## Talk About the Bible Story

What existed before God created the world? (*Nothing but God*)

What is special about how God created humans? (*We are the only creation that was made in God's image.*)

Why do you think God asks us to take care of each other? When is this hard to do?

*Parent: Share about a time when someone took care of you. How did you know that person loved you through what they did for you?*

## Prayer

**Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:**

"Dear God, You are so good! You are the God who created us, and You have a good plan to use us in Your Big Story. Please help us realize all the opportunities we'll have this week to love others. That's the job You've given us to do! When challenges come up or we get tired, help us remember that You made us to take care of each other. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."