

Epic: A love story for the ages



First, watch this
week's video at

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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.

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."