

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

The Fall
Genesis 3

Bottom Line

God loves us no
matter what.

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

Activity

No Matter . . . What?!

What You Need:

Paper and writing utensil

What You Do:

Show your child the following list. Read each action together, one by one. Then, ask your child to order the items on the list from worst to least-worst by numbering them. (#1 would be the very worst, and #9 would be least-worst.)

List:

- Doing something a teacher asked you not to do
- Looking at a friend's paper while taking a test
- Not including the new kid
- Being rude to a friend
- Grabbing the TV remote from your brother
- Not taking turns with the video game
- Disrespecting a parent or other adult
- Taking a friend's toy without asking
- Blaming your sister for your mess

When your child is finished, say, "None of these are actions we'd *want* to do, right? But the truth is, we all mess up and make wrong choices. In today's Bible story, we learned about Adam and Eve's wrong choice. We also learned that God loved them no matter what—just like God loves US no matter what."



Talk About the Bible Story

How did Adam and Eve make a wrong choice? (*They disobeyed God.*)

What happened as a result of Adam and Eve's wrong choice? (*They were embarrassed and separated from God for the first time.*)

How does it make you feel when you've messed up?

Who has loved you even when you've messed up?

Parent: Share with your child about some things that remind you that God loves you no matter what.

Note: Take the opportunity to assure your child that they are defined not by the things they do, but by the love God has for them.

Prayer

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

"Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to rescue us. You are so big and mighty! You are forgiving and kind . . . and You still want us to be close to You, no matter what we do. Whenever we feel bad about something we've done wrong, remind us that You love us no matter what. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."