

In God's Big Story

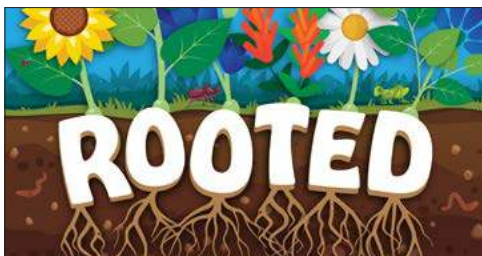
John explains that God's love changes us, and it changes how we relate to others. God is loving, and through His Spirit, we can be loving too.

Wonder Truth: Love Comes from God

Scripture: 1 John 4



WATCH GOD'S BIG STORY



GOD IS LOVING

[ELEMENTARY VIDEO](#)

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WORD OF WONDER



Work together this week on memorizing this verse!

ELEMENTARY:

Jesus replied, " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your mind.' This is the first and most important commandment."

—Matthew 22:37–38 (NirV)

EARLY CHILDHOOD:

Love God with all your heart and soul and mind.

—from Matthew 22:37



WONDER ABOUT IT!

- What is one thing you're curious about from this week's part of God's big story?
- How can you live differently or respond to God with what you're learning?

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FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- What's the least lovable animal you can think of? What's the most loveable animal? Why those animals?
- Would you rather others tell you they love you or show you? Why?
- What are three ways God has shown His love to our family?



HANDS ON

Looking for Love

For this game, you'll blindfold (shutting one's eyes works too) a family member and then spin that person several times while holding her shoulders. Other family members will scatter around the room while saying, "I love you" as the blindfolded person attempts to tag them. Watch that your blindfolded family member doesn't lose balance or crash into a wall! Play several rounds, changing who's blindfolded in each round. When everyone has had a turn, point out that we're all drawn to love, and there's no better place to look for love than to God!

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WALK IT ACT IT MOVE IT

For Me?

It's field trip time! As a family, go to a general merchandise store. Before going explain: Each family member has \$500 in imaginary money to "buy" gifts that reflect their love for other family members. (Consider bringing board-game paper money!) The gifts can be anything, but the total can't exceed \$500. Shop together or split into teams, with an adult on each team. Keep a running list of gifts and costs or snap pictures of each gift chosen. After your shopping time is up, take turns telling each other what gifts they didn't get with money that doesn't exist. It's the thought that counts!

Children should stay with an adult for safety and possibly some help with math.

After your imaginary gift exchange, take turns encouraging each family member with the gift of loving words and sincere compliments. God shows us He's loving by giving us the gift of salvation through Jesus. We can share gifts with people we love too!

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