



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

Activity

In the Beginning . . .

What You Need:

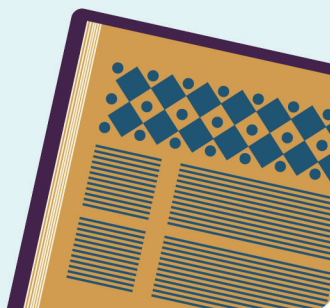
A few of your child's favorite books; paper and something to write with

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?

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

Key Question

How do you know when someone loves 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."