

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

Jesus Goes to Nazareth

Epiphany 3

from Luke 4:14-30



God's love and grace is for everyone!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Nazareth
- Jesus
- Synagogue
- Grumbling
- God

Although there was only one temple in Jesus' time, there were many synagogues. The synagogue was the local gathering place for study, prayer and sometimes even meals.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 252-253

Spark Bible pages 1133-1134

Family Prayer

Thank you, God, for always loving us, no matter what. Thanks for sending Jesus to tell us this over and over. In his name we pray... AMEN

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 Whom does God love?
- 2 When does God love us?
- 3 People in Jesus' time studied and prayed and ate at the synagogue. What kinds of things do you do at your church?
- 4 Play a game where you throw a ball to each other (like hot potato) and when you catch it, list a person or group of people whom God loves. See how fast you can go!

Eye Spark

When you see a picture of Jesus, remember his message: God loves everyone!

Ear Spark

Next time you hear someone say "I love you," remember that God loves you, too.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Send "God Valentines"! Make simple valentines with messages like "Jesus Loves You!" and "God Loves You Always & No Matter What!" and "God Loves Everybody!" Have fun mailing or delivering them anonymously so that the recipients feel the real surprise of the message.

For younger kids

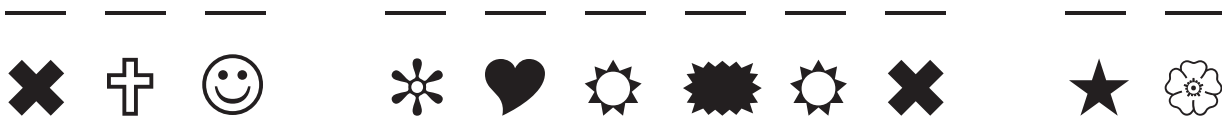
Page through your Spark Story Bible and find pictures of people loving each other in God's name.

For older kids















Jesus read the words from Isaiah from a scroll. See if you can find them in your Bible or by using a computer search engine. When you find the reference, make a scroll of your own!

Jesus' Clever Code

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