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A Message for Grown-Ups

Cultivating a devotional life as a family is one way to grow closer to each other and closer to God. All parents long for meaningful moments with their children, but making that happen can be a challenge. That's why *Spark Story Bible Devotions for Kids* was created.

Each devotion includes a Bible story, discussion questions, a prayer, key verses, and an activity to do together as a family. Keep an eye out for Squiggles, the expressive caterpillar who will help spark children's engagement. As you explore 100 of the most beloved Bible stories, you will learn together how to apply the teachings and wisdom of the Scriptures to everyday life.

Spark Story Bible Devotions for Kids is illustrated by Peter Grosshauser, illustrator of the award-winning *Spark Story Bible*. These delightful images of biblical people, animals, and landscapes practically leap off the page as you explore God's Word together.

No matter when or where you read it, *Spark Story Bible Devotions for Kids* will bring the Bible to life and your family closer together. We hope these devotions become a cherished tradition in your family's life!

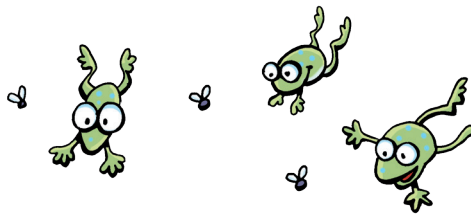
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The Sparkhouse Family Team

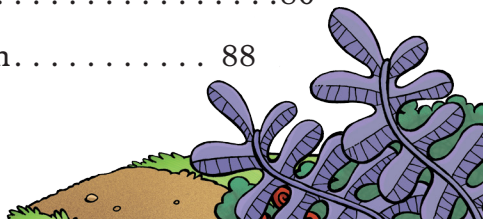


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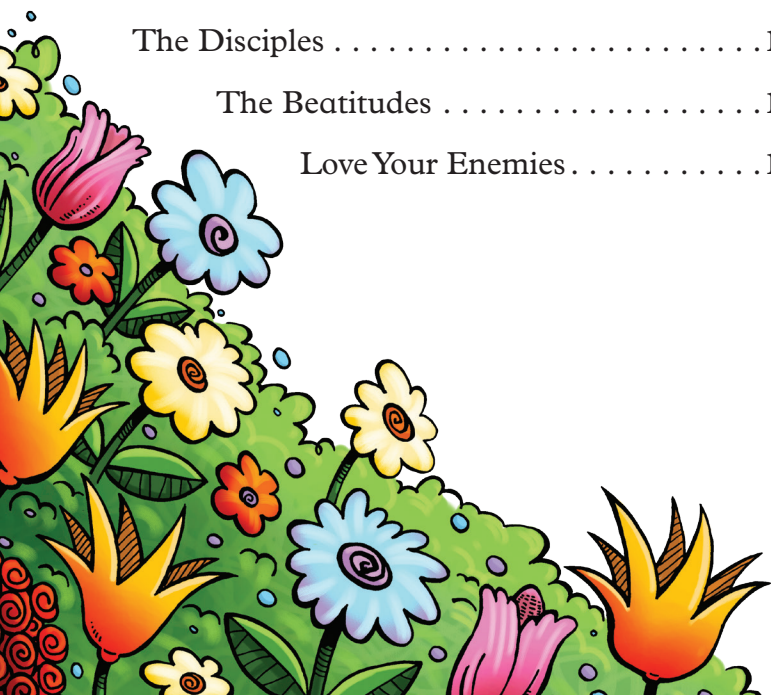


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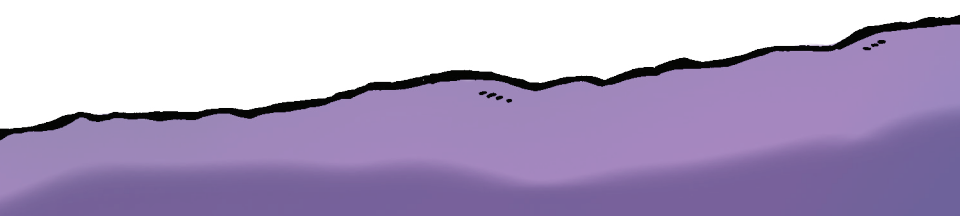
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God's Promises to Abram

God promised to give Abram a big, BIG family and a place for them to live. The promise was so BIG that Abram wondered if it could be true. God showed Abram all the stars in the sky and said, "This is how many people will be in your family." Abram believed God's BIG promise! Along with the promise, God gave Abram and Sarai new names: Abraham and Sarah!

Who is in your family? How does God love your family?



Key Verse

He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

Genesis 15:5

DEAR GOD, thank you for giving us our family. Amen.



Try this!

Go outside at night together and search for stars and constellations. A constellation is a group of stars that, with the help of your imagination, looks like a picture of something else, such as a person, a dragon, or even a bear! With an adult, search the Internet for a constellation map to help guide you or use a star app on a smartphone or tablet.



There's MORE to this story!

Read the WHOLE story in your Bible together! You can find it in the first book in the Bible: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

In the Spark Story Bible, look for “God’s Promises to Abram” on page 34.



Jesus Blesses the Children

One day Jesus was speaking to a large crowd. Everyone wanted to see Jesus. Some children moved in closer. Jesus' disciples tried to shoo the kids away. "Wait!" Jesus said. "I want the children to sit by me." When they came to him, he blessed them and told the disciples that children understand God in special ways, so they should learn from them. Children are important in the kingdom of God!

When have you felt important because you are a child? When have you felt ignored?

Key Verse

When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Mark 10:14



**DEAR GOD, thank you for loving
kids like me! Amen.**



Try this!

You can practice telling stories about Jesus to others. Put your dolls, stuffed animals, or action figures in a circle. Sit down and pretend to be Jesus. Open your Spark Story Bible or another children's Bible and show your "audience" stories about God.



There's MORE to this story!

Read the **WHOLE** story in your Bible together! You can find it in the second book in the New Testament: Mark 10:13-16

In the Spark Story Bible, look for "Jesus Blesses the Children" on page 272.

