

READ IT

This week's Bible story is **Jesus the Word**



from John 1:10-18.

God became human and lived among us as Jesus.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Accept
- Receive
- Believe
- Will
- Grace
- Law
- Truth

"Word" (John 1:14) refers to the Greek idea of *Logos*—divine reason that connects humans to God and rules the universe.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 240-241

Spark Bible page 1171

Family Prayer

Lord God, you love us enough to live among us, as a human named Jesus. Through Jesus' life and teaching, we can know you in ways we could not otherwise. Your boundless grace is larger than our largest imagining. Gratefully, joyfully, we praise you! Hallelujah! Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT

Family Conversations

- 1 When you think about God, what words do you think of?
- 2 We use words all the time, often without thinking about the power of them. What are some things we can do with words?
- 3 What has God done with words?
- 4 Everyone take a turn sharing his or her favorite word.

Eye Spark

Watch for all the places the word "love" appears. What are the different ways it's used? When does it mean "love" as God loves us?

Ear Spark

Listen for the word "love" and notice how it's used. How often is it said? What do you think about the different ways the word "love" is used?

LIVE IT

For families to do together

When you think about your family, what words come to mind? Create a list of your favorite words and use them to write a simple poem in which every line begins "Our family..." You can repeat the verb "is" or use a variety of verbs (Our family is loving, Our family loves...) When you have completed your poem, put it up on the fridge or some other spot where you'll see it each day.

For younger kids

Make a sign full of your favorite words, then hang it in your bedroom.

For older kids

Pick an older adult you love—a grandparent or someone special from your church or community. Spend a few minutes thinking about that person. What words do you want to share with him or her? Write your loved person a note that uses those words and ideas, then send or give it to him or her.