

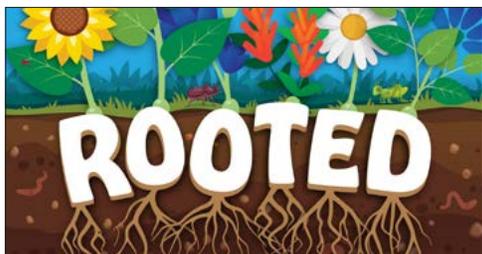
## In God's Big Story

An expert in the law asks Jesus which is the most important commandment, and Jesus says that the greatest commandment is to love God and the second is to love others.

**Wonder Truth:** God Wants Us to Love Him and Love Others

**Scripture:** Matthew 22; 25

### ▶ WATCH GOD'S BIG STORY



#### THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

[ELEMENTARY VIDEO](#)

[EARLY CHILDHOOD VIDEO](#)

### 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 are learning about God and the wonder of His big story?
- How do you see God's story as part of your own story?

### WORSHIP@HOME

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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 are ways that you feel loved? What things do others do that make you feel special?
- What ways do you think God feels loved by us?
- How does loving others make you feel? When you show love to someone, what happens in your heart?
- God is all powerful. The whole earth belongs to Him. Why do you think He wants us to love Him and love others?



## HANDS ON

### Go-Together Scavenger Hunt

Work together as a family or split into teams for this activity. Set a two-minute timer. When the timer starts, race around your home, collecting items you think “go together.” Examples are spoons and forks, socks and shoes, peanut butter and jelly, etc. When the timer dings, gather back together with all the items gathered.

Take turns sharing what things you chose. There aren’t any right or wrong ways of pairing things up—you might be surprised at everyone’s creativity! Ask: **Why do some things go together and others don’t (like pizza and marshmallow fluff!)?**

Choose a good pair of “go togethers” that someone gathered. Take away one of the items and ask: **How does this grouping change when one part is missing?**

Explain: **Jesus taught that two very important things go together: loving God and loving others. You can’t have one without the other! You can’t say you love God without also loving the people God created. And you can’t just love people without acknowledging the God who made them.**

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## LIFE CONNECTION

### Who Feels Love?

Give each family member a sheet of paper and a writing utensil. Invite each person to write or draw their answers to these two questions: **How do you feel loved? How does God feel loved?** Share answers.

Then ask: **Do you think other people might feel love the same way you do? What other ways might people feel loved? And how about God? Do you think it’s important that God feels loved? How can we show love to God?**

Have everyone turn their papers over and ask them this question: **What happens if we say we love God but don’t love others?** Share your answers.

Cut another sheet of paper into strips. Together brainstorm ways you can show love to God and to others. Write each way on a paper strip and place the strips in a jar. For the next month, invite a different family member each week to pull a slip and as a family, put that idea into practice. Some examples: read the Bible, pray, cook a meal for someone, send a note, give a hug, listen to worship music, etc.

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