

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP ACTIVITY

INTRODUCTION

SPEAK: Say, "Today, we are going to read a story about a man named Shaddai and how he protected his children. Let's read it together."

PRAY: Pray for God to speak to your kids and reveal His nature to them.

LESSON

Read the book, "Because I Love You" by Max Lucado. If you do not own the book, click on the following link for the read-aloud online version:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-x2fKihz-mOA>

DISCUSSION

CONVERSE: Choose a handful of questions from the list below to discuss with your family.

Use the simpler questions for younger children.

1. What was Shaddai's village like?
2. What was Shaddai like?
3. Why did Shaddai build the wall outside the village?
4. What was the forest like?
5. How is Paladin like us?
6. How does the hole in the wall show how much God loves us?
7. Why did Paladin crawl through the hole in the wall?
8. How do you know that Shaddai loves his children?
9. Why couldn't Paladin find the hole again?
10. When did Shaddai start his search for Paladin?
11. Why did Shaddai go out searching for Paladin?
12. How is Shaddai like God?

ACTIVITY

CREATE: You will need- *white paper, tissue paper (or construction paper), scissors, glue.*

- Each child will need a piece of paper, a sheet of tissue paper or piece of construction paper, a pair of scissors, and a bottle of glue or glue stick.
- Using either the construction paper or the tissue paper, have the kids cut out at least 15-20 1" by 1" squares to use as bricks.
- Children will glue the bricks down on the white paper to make a wall with a hole in it.
- After all the "bricks" are glued down and the wall is complete, write "BECAUSE I LOVE YOU" inside the hole in the wall.

CONCLUSION

SPEAK: Say, "Sometimes we are like Paladin. God provides us everything we need and we chose to walk away from Him and choose the dark forest. But, God doesn't hold grudges. He chases after us even if we don't chase Him. He doesn't give up because He loves YOU."

READ: Read the story of the Prodigal Son together- Luke 15:11-24

PRAY: Pray together that your kids would realize how much God loves them.