

READ IT

This week's Bible story is
A Message from God
from Deuteronomy 6:1-9.



Pentecost 22

We love and belong to God.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Moses
- God's message
- Love
- Belonging

This passage is part of a Jewish prayer called the *Shema*. The Hebrew word, "shema" means "hear." The *Shema* is recited at least twice a day by Jews all over the world.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 100-101

Spark Bible pages 197-198

Family Prayer

We give you thanks, O God, for your constant love. Help us to love you in all we say, think, and do. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 What do we have in our house that shows we belong to God?
- 2 How can we help each other love God in all we say, think, and do?
- 3 What else can we do to make our faith a bigger part of our lives?
- 4 Talk about what special message God might give your family.



Eye Spark

Whenever you are in or see a large group of people, look around and think, "All of these people are part of God's family!"



Ear Spark

When you hear the word "love" remember God's message: "Love God with all you say, think, and do."

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Jewish families have a message from God rolled up and put in a special small container attached to their doorposts. The container is called a mezuzah. Where could you hang the message, "Love God with all you say, think, and do," in your house? Make a reminder poster or craft to display to help you make sure you don't forget God's message.

For younger kids

Send God's message to somebody far away in the form of a card, picture, or email.

For older kids

Find the *Shema* written in Hebrew and then find an English translation. Are any words or phrases the same as the translation of your Bible? See if you can find a recording of someone reciting the holy verses in Hebrew.