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Age of visualization, movies, computer generated fantastic scenes. Start our children off with iPads to do the babysitting, tv to provide entertainment.

As such stories fill the hearts and minds, what principles are they instilling?

Use of Stories to tell the history of God's people – heritage, values, hopes,...

→ Abraham – Gen. 18:19

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→ Yet again, Deut. 6:1-2

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Examples from the very preaching of the apostles:

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Jesus - Are Truth – John 17:17

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- Creation – Adam – Matt. 19:1-9
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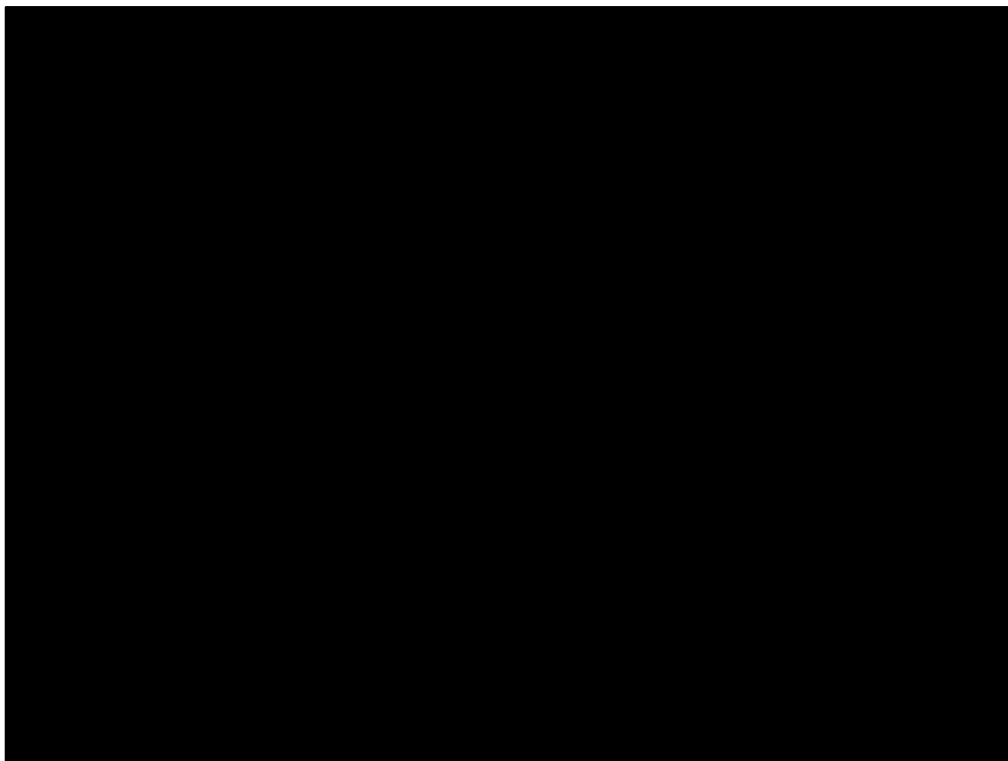
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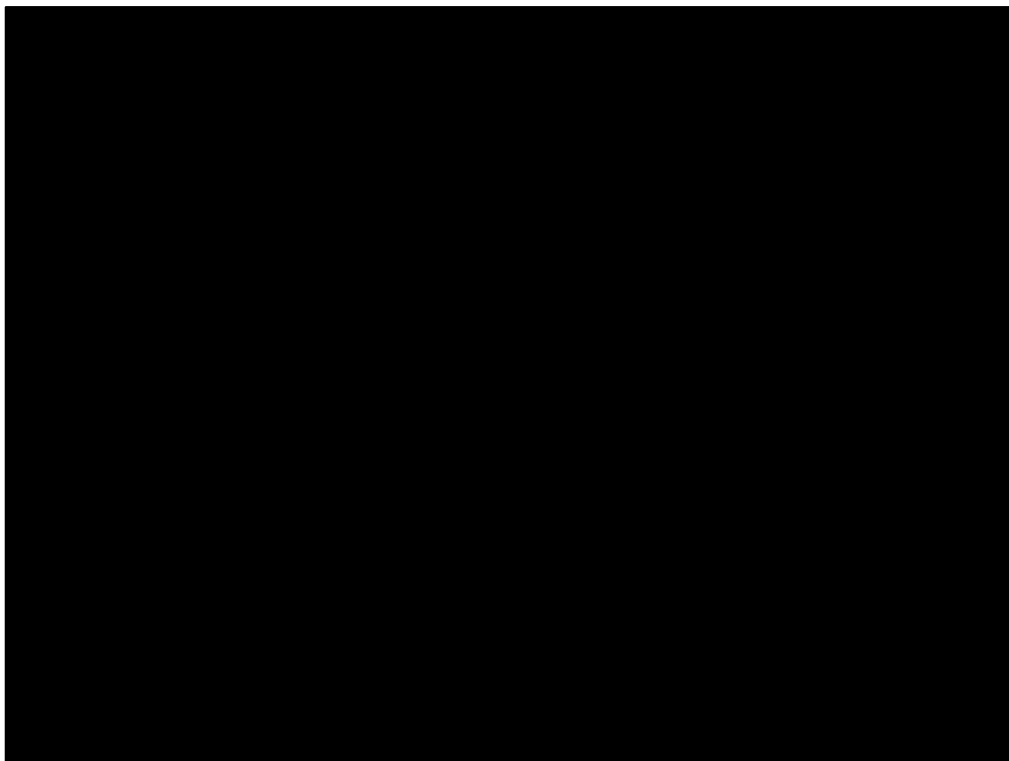
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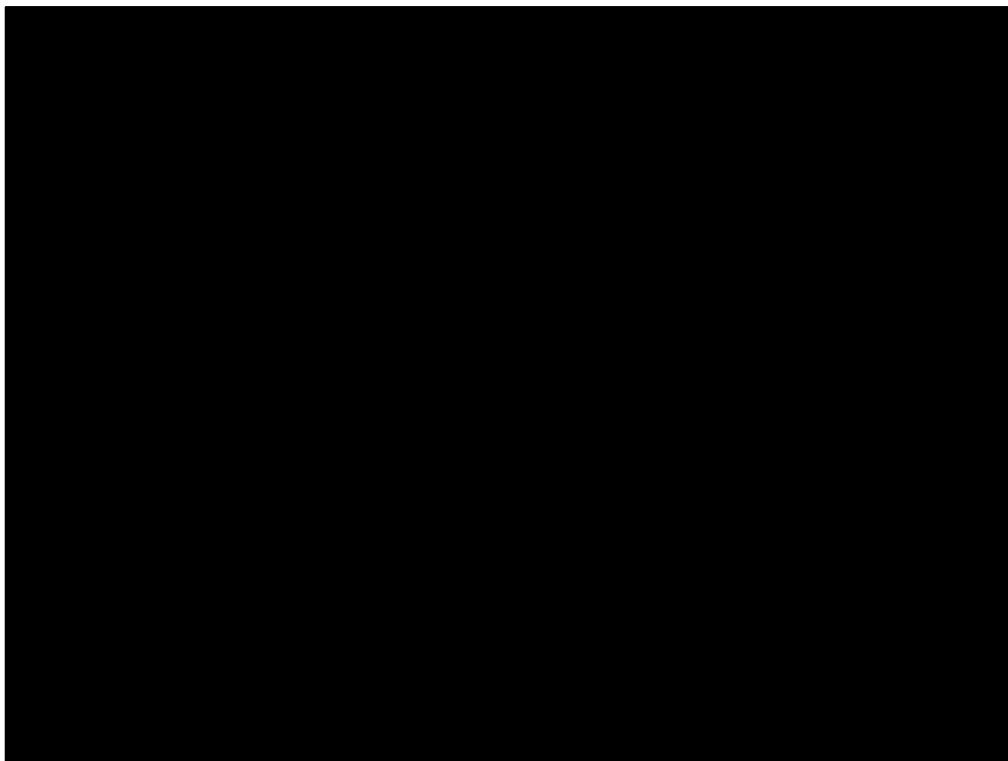
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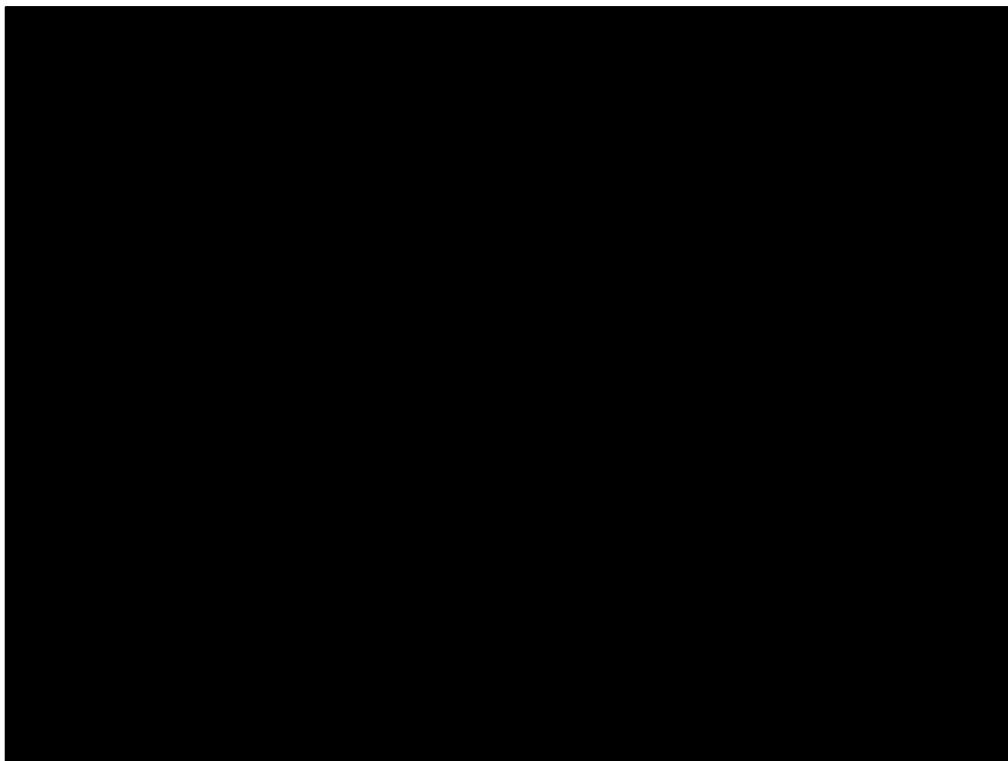
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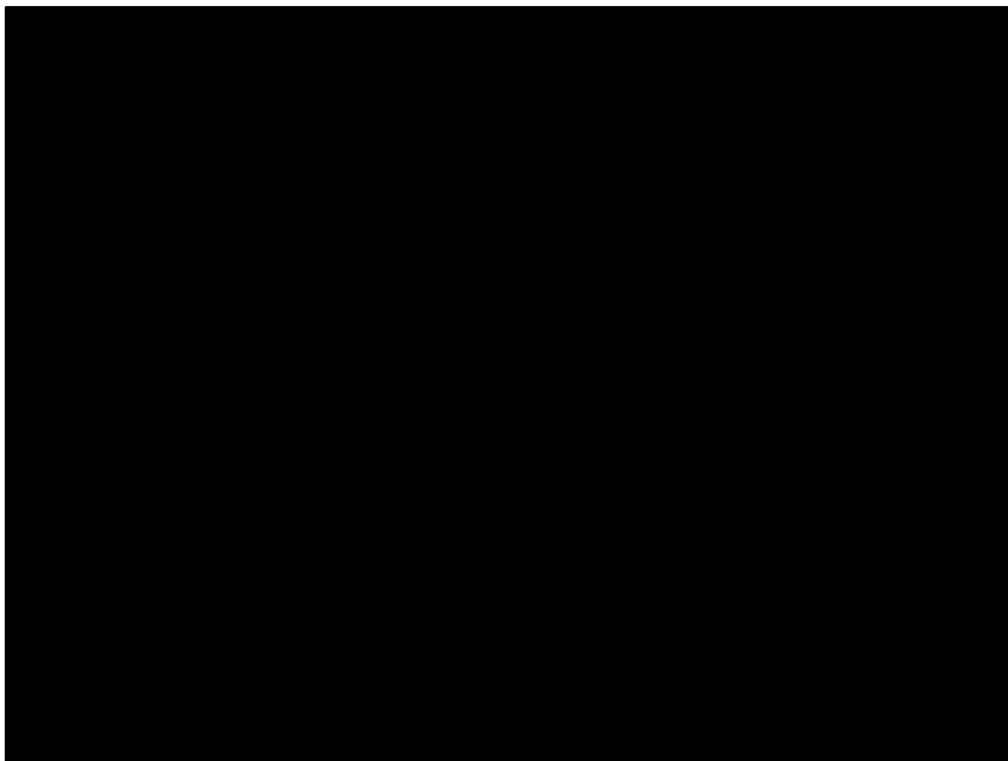
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