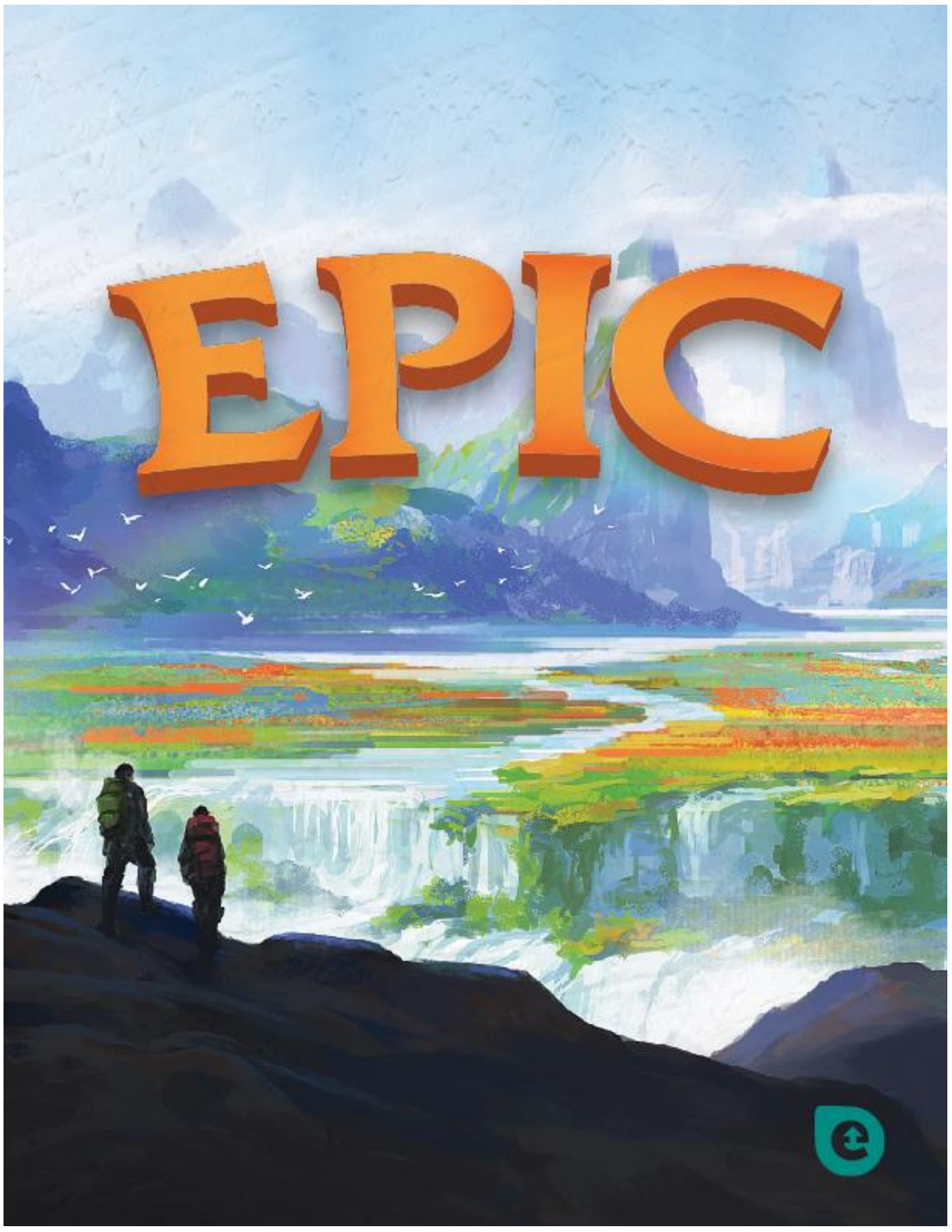


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Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: Compassion Story Page

1. Time to Talk

Look Up and Read: Colossians 3:12-14. These verses are about the way God made us to live, with kindness, compassion, and love.

- What would you like someone to do for you if you were feeling sad, like Beka's friend?
- What are some of the things those verses tell us to do? (Show mercy, be kind, be gentle, be patient, and forgive.)
- When has someone treated you kindly, or showed you "compassion"?
- How could we show compassion for someone?

Ask: What is going great right now? Is there something that's not going great right now?

Pray: Talk to God, mentioning things the kids talked about if appropriate.

2. Activity

Do This: Read kids each of the stories on the "compassion story page." Talk about ways you could show kindness or compassion to the person described on each card.

Discuss: What is something you would really like someone else to do for you? Could you do something like that for someone else this week?

The Point: Following Jesus' example means showing compassion to others, being kind, forgiving, and doing what's best for them.