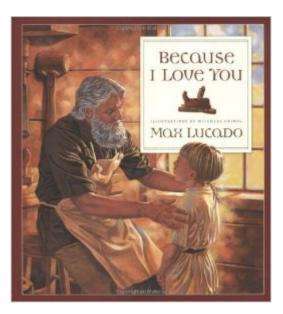
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# **Because I Love You**





# Synopsis

A long time ago a wise man named Shaddai built a wonderful village for children to live in. He talked to them and sang for them and told them stories. He gave them everything they needed. And with his own hands Shaddai built a protective wall around their village, rock by rock. He did all of this for just one reasonâ "because he loved them. One day Paladin, the village's most curious child, discovers something troubling about the wall. Something that makes him wonder about Shaddai's love. Could there be a mistake? Young Paladin is about to discover the answer. And when he does, he will come to understand just how deeply he is loved. And so will you. Everything God does for your children, He does because of love. He protects them. He listens to their prayers. He provides for their needs. He even gives warnings and sets boundariesâ "for no other reason than love. As an adult you already know this. Now your children can know it too through this captivating tale, which was first published in the award-winning children's bestseller Tell Me the Story. Let this timeless story of a curious boy's choice and a caring man's sacrificial response help you make the infinite love of their Heavenly Father as real to your kids as your own love. Because they need to understand about Him what you have already learnedâ "that everything God does throughout our lives, He does for one reason only, and for the best reason of all: "Because I Love You."

### **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

I must warn you, whenever I read this book I cry. Somehow that never deters my children from asking me to read them this story, again, and again. And it isn't just the pregnancy hormones talking either. Even before I was expecting our third daughter this book brought tears, and sometimes downright unconsolable sobbing from me. Now, how can that be? Can a children's picture book really be that moving? That emotionally stirring? Yes, emphatically, Yes. This may be because as a new believer (Fall 2006) what Jesus has done for me is still so fresh in my mind. The redeeming changes that He has worked in me so recent. But I don't know if it will ever change, He continues to change me and work in me each day. The simple, flowing text of this book clearly illustrate God's love for each of His children. How He has His ear turned toward us, and is so attuned to us, wanting to be beside us every day, in every step of our walk in faith with Him. The Shaddai mentioned in the below quote is the character in this allegorical tale who is meant to represent God, he is sometimes referred to as the Maker, the one who created a perfect city for his children to live in. "When one of them called his name, he droped whatever he was doing and turned. His giant heart had a hudred strings - each held by a different child. And Shaddai loved each one the same." Excerpt from Because I Love You by Max LucadoOh! That I could love my own children the same way! That my love for them would be an echo and a reflection, however small, of the love their heavenly father has for them. The illustrations are remarkable, life-like and realistic with no hint of comedy or cartoon.

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