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I don't actually recall when I stopped pretending to be Superman, but his story did convince me of something that is true: Good will ultimately win over evil.

It's ironic that the story of Superman was created in 1938 by two high school students in Cleveland Ohio. Superman literally showed up in the nick of time. It just happened to be the same year Hitler appointed himself as the supreme commander of the armed forces of Germany and set the stage for the most horrific war the world would ever know.

It's intriguing that while nations were drawn into a world war that would threaten their existence, a fictional story of a superhero would entertain the imagination of a generation to suggest that good will somehow always prevail. I guess you should just never underestimate the power of a good story.

The point is the stories you tell to your kids every week really matter.

Why do you think
Frodo in "Lord of the Rings,"
Aslan in "The Chronicles of Narnia,"
and a boy named Harry have such an appeal to the imagination of kids?

Because they echo an aspect of an ancient narrative that God put into motion at the beginning of time.

They remind us of . . .
. . . the struggle between good and evil.
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The right story can inspire, incite faith, and give hope.

If you want to change the way kids see the world, then make sure you give them stories over time.

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