


**G**od has given parents the privilege of being the primary spiritual nurturers of their children's faith.

The HomeFront Weekly is designed to reinforce that truth by allowing your family to have time in God's Word **before your child attends church each week**. It will provide you with ways to introduce The Big God Story and have age-appropriate conversations with your little one as you prepare her for what she will be experiencing in church for the next four weeks.

Research has shown that children between the ages of two and four learn best through repetition. Because of this, TruBlessings will spend two weeks on the same part of **The Big God Story** and the **Ponder Point**.

Each week you will receive a new **Blessing**. A blessing is a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words of encouragement and guidance. While giving the blessing, you may desire to lay hands on your child as you speak the Scripture or pray a prayer over him.

 **Hamilton the Hedgehog** will play a role in your child's experience in church each week—be sure to ask about him. He loves to **Dig into God's Word**. The passage of Scripture provided will assist you as you reinforce the Ponder Point. **Did You Know?** has fun facts about this part of The Big God Story for you to share with your child. And **Tot Talk** is simply a conversation starter to assist you as you spiritually parent.

We encourage you to begin a tradition of a family night in your home with **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**. Each month this resource is filled with ideas on how to create home environments that God can use to beckon your children to Him. Visit [Homefrontmag.com](http://Homefrontmag.com) or check with your Children's Pastor for a copy of the latest issue. You can also download the free app on your iPhone, iPad, or Android device by searching for HomeFront.

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## WEEK 1

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### Blessing

Open a Bible and read Luke 1:46-47:  
"Mary said: 'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.'"

Hamilton says,  
"Dig into  
God's Word"

Read Luke 1:26-31. After reading, remind your child that the angel told Mary that her baby would be Jesus, the promised Savior.

### Tot Talk

Was Mary happy or sad when the angel told her she was going to have a baby? Mary was troubled when she saw the angel and heard his message, but full of joy when she understood.

## Part of The Big God Story

Luke 1:26-56; Matthew 1:18-25

Mary received the news that she was going to have a baby whom she was to name Jesus, the promised Savior. At the time she received this news, Mary was engaged to a man named Joseph. God told Joseph in a dream about the baby Jesus. He is the fulfillment of the promise God had made long ago to redeem mankind.

### Ponder Point

GOD KEEPS  
HIS PROMISE

### Blessing

(Insert your child's name), **may you always rejoice in God because He always keeps His promises.**

### Did You Know?

- At the same time Mary was carrying Jesus, her cousin Elizabeth was also carrying a baby who was John the Baptist.
- It was an angel who told Mary and Joseph to give the baby the name Jesus.

One way children learn the faithfulness of God is through their parents. When we keep our promises and follow through with what we say, little ones are able to see how God keeps His promises.

### Tot Talk

Who is the Savior that God promised to send?  
Jesus is the promised Savior!