

God 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 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

2.9

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Part of The Big God Story

Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15
Jesus cared so much for the crowd that was following Him that He taught the people, healed them, and fed them. Jesus provides abundantly for us because He cares for us.

WEEK 2

2.10

Feb 01, 2015

Blessing

Open a Bible and read Psalm 23:1:
**"The LORD is my shepherd;
I lack nothing."**

Ponder Point

JESUS CARES

Blessing

(Insert your child's name), I pray that you will come to know Jesus as your shepherd, and know that He cares for you every day.

Did You Know?

- There were five thousand men in the crowd, but there were probably several thousand more people there since that number does not include the women and children who were present.
- After Jesus fed the five thousand, there were 12 baskets of leftovers!

Hamilton says,
**"Dig into
God's Word"**

Read Mark 6:34. Remind your child that a shepherd's job is to take care of the sheep and keep them safe.

Tot Talk

Balls are a favorite toy. Find a wide-open space and allow your little one to test his own power by seeing how far he can throw!

Why did Jesus feed the crowd?
Because Jesus cared for them!

Discuss with your child some tangible ways we can show other people how much Jesus cares about them—using kind words, showing affection, etc.