

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

3.9

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Blessing

Open a Bible and read Isaiah 6:3b: **"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."**

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

3.9 Read Matthew 28:19-20. Remind your child that Jesus is always with us, even though we can't see Him.

3.10 Read Acts 11:27-30. Remind your child that it was God's love that prompted the church in Antioch to want to help their brothers and sisters in Jerusalem.

Tot Talk

What did Jesus tell the apostles to do? Who did Jesus say would be with them?

Part of The Big God Story

3.9 - Matthew 28:16-20

Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He met with His apostles on a mountain in Galilee where He commissioned them to spread the good news to all nations.

3.10 - Acts 11:19-30

The apostles shared God's love with the people in Antioch, and many of them decided to follow Jesus. As Barnabas and Paul returned to teach, God's love prompted the church in Antioch to help provide for the people in Jerusalem who were facing a famine.

Ponder Point

3.9 JESUS IS THE GOOD NEWS
3.10 GOD IS LOVE

Blessing

(Insert your child's name),
God is love. May you know how much He loves you.

Did You Know?

3.9 • The word "gospel" is a translation from an Old English word *gōdspel*, which literally means "good news."

3.10 • According to Acts 11:26, it was in Antioch that believers were first called "Christians."

Your child enjoys make believe and is developing his imagination. Allow him to choose some people to make pretend phone calls to, telling them that Jesus is the good news.

Tot Talk

Remind your child that God's love should help us to love other people. Discuss the ways your child can show love to those around him.