

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, **we want YOU to be the one to introduce** this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at HomeFrontMag.com. You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Feast of Tabernacles
Remembering God's Blessings

JUST FOR FUN

This week, invite the whole family to build a simple tent together—a camping tent in the backyard or a blanket tent indoors. When finished, gather everyone inside to share a special snack or dessert as you remember and celebrate God's blessings—like God's people did when they celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles. Read **Deuteronomy 16:13-15**. Discuss how God has blessed your family. End by praying, thanking God for all His blessings. Rejoice that we have a future home with Jesus forever.

Did You Know?

- The Israelites celebrated seven annual festivals: Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, Festival of First Fruits, Feast of Harvest, Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles (or Booths).
- During the festivals, the Israelites ate, danced, sang, played instruments, prayed, and offered sacrifices to God.
- God's people celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles with thanksgiving to remember God's many blessings. For seven days they lived in tents or temporary shelters they decorated with colorful ornaments.
- The New Testament significance of this feast reminds us that this life is temporary, and that our joy will be complete in our future home and inheritance with Jesus.

Your child is probably starting to crave independence. As odd as it may seem, the best way to nurture healthy independence and self-confidence is to keep his life fairly structured. Stick to a daily routine. Give him choices, but limit the choices to one or two. Giving choices while keeping structure will help him gain independence and self-confidence, while also providing a sense of safety and security.

Teachable Moments

After reading **Deuteronomy 16:13-15**, discuss the following together:

- How did people celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles?
- What did God promise to the people when they celebrated this feast?
- How has God blessed you?

Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), may you give thanks to the Lord because He is good.