

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

Festival of First Fruits:
A festival to REMEMBER and CELEBRATE
God as Trustworthy

JUST FOR FUN

Set up a simple obstacle course by scattering objects in an indoor or outdoor space. Blindfold one family member, and then have another family member verbally guide the blindfolded person through the obstacle course. Encourage each family member to take a turn being blindfolded and guided through the course. Once each person has tried it, talk about what it felt like to place your trust in another to guide you. Share with your children that God is someone we can always trust. He gives us clear direction and walks with us along the way. **Read Psalm 19.**

Celebrate together that we can always trust God.

Did You Know?

- There are seven festivals that were celebrated by the Israelite people: 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 feasts, the Israelites ate, danced, sang, played instruments, prayed, and offered sacrifices to God.

- The Feast of Unleavened Bread is a celebration of God's miraculous deliverance of the Israelites from the bondage of Egypt, and ultimately His deliverance from our bondage of sin.

Part of the way we celebrate God's faithfulness is through giving back a portion of what God has given us financially. Include your child in the giving process. Talk to him about what you give and why. If your child sits with you in church, consider allowing him to participate by physically giving your offering when appropriate.

Teachable Moments

- What does the word *trustworthy* mean?
- What are some of the ways God has shown Himself trustworthy in The Big God Story?
- How can we show our appreciation to God for being trustworthy?

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 trust in the Lord to take care of you, defend you, and comfort you for the rest of your life. Always remember that He is trustworthy and good.