

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 Harvest: Celebrating God's Abundant Provision

JUST FOR FUN

Take a few moments around the dinner table to remember and celebrate all that God has done in your family. Thank Him for the many things we often expect or take for granted, such as food, clothing, and a roof over our heads. Remind your children that everything we have comes from God. Read **Psalm 100** aloud, and then work together to list some specific things you're all thankful for. Remind your children that this week at church they'll have the opportunity to remember and celebrate all that God has done with a special service set aside to worship God for His abundant provision in our lives.

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 Harvest corresponded with the harvest season. It was a time when the Israelites remembered the ways that God provided for them, both physically and spiritually. It recognized when God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai.
- In the New Testament, the Feast of Harvest was marked with a great harvest of three thousand souls by the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, who continues to harvest souls today.

It's important for your child to learn to be thankful for the many blessings God has given us. Be sure to include thanksgiving in every prayer time and encourage your child to thank God every day for the physical and spiritual blessings the Lord has given him.

Teachable Moments

- What does it mean that God provides "abundantly"?
- Was there a time when you think God provided abundantly for you or our family?
- How can you respond to God's blessing in your life?

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 always praise God, your provider.