

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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JESUS IS AWESOME

Part of The Big God Story John 4:43—54

Jesus helped a royal official whose son was very sick and about to die. Jesus knew what the boy needed in order to be healed without even going to see him. Without being present, Jesus spoke and the boy was healed.

JUST FOR FUN

Keep paper and a pencil on the table so that during each meal throughout the week, you can make a list of things your family thinks is awesome. At the end of the week, read aloud your family's "awesome" list. Share with your children that Jesus is the most awesome of all. Read **John 4:43-54**. Ask your children what this portion of Scripture tells them about Jesus. Point out to them that the official's son was healed at the exact moment that Jesus said he would be. Now that's truly awesome!

Did You Know?

- The healing of the royal official's son was one of the signs that proved Jesus' deity.
- Jesus was not physically present with the boy but just spoke the words and healed him of his illness.
- After this miracle, the official and his entire household became followers of Jesus.

Remember Verse

*May your unfailing love be
my comfort,
according to your promise
to your servant.*

Psalm 119:76

Your child's ever-expanding vocabulary will benefit from the time you take to explain difficult words. Spend some time talking about the word *awesome*. Use a dictionary or thesaurus to help if needed.

Teachable Moments

- How was Jesus able to heal the boy, even though He wasn't there with him?
- How do you think the royal official felt when his son was healed?
- Has there been a time that you've realized how awesome Jesus is?

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 know that Jesus is awesome. May this truth be something that's always in your mind.