

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 Atonement:
Remembering and Celebrating God as Righteous

JUST FOR FUN

Give your family several situational challenges that present opportunities to choose the right or wrong thing to do. For instance, you may say, "If you found a wallet with money in it, what would you do?" Explain that righteousness means being morally just or right. Then share with them that only one person on this earth has ever truly led a righteous life: Jesus. Read Romans 3:22-26. Discuss how we can be redeemed and what it means to have faith in Jesus Christ. Pray, thanking God that He sent Jesus to become the sacrifice for our sins.

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.

- During the Festival of Atonement, or Yom Kippur, the Israelites rededicated the temple to the Lord and repented of their sins.

- This festival will be fulfilled at the Day of Atonement, which will usher in God's judgment of the nations.

Your child is learning that there are consequences for his behavior— good or bad. Your consistent structure will help him learn what consequences he can expect as he learns to make wise choices.

Teachable Moments

- Why did Jesus have to die on the cross?
- What does the word "righteous" mean?
- How is God righteous?

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 your eyes see, your ears hear, and your heart know the many loving ways of the Lord your God. May you always trust in Him.