

God has given parents the privilege of being the primary spiritual nurturers of their children's faith.

The HomeFront Weekly is designed to reinforce that truth by allowing your family to have time in God's Word **before your child attends church each week**. It will provide you with ways to introduce The Big God Story and have age-appropriate conversations with your little one as you prepare her for what she will be experiencing in church for the next four weeks.

Research has shown that children between the ages of two and four learn best through repetition. Because of this, TruBlessings will spend two weeks on the same part of **The Big God Story** and the **Ponder Point**.

Each week you will receive a new **Blessing**. A blessing is a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words of encouragement and guidance. While giving the blessing, you may desire to lay hands on your child as you speak the Scripture or pray a prayer over him.

 **Hamilton the Hedgehog** will play a role in your child's experience in church each week—be sure to ask about him. He loves to **Dig into God's Word**. The passage of Scripture provided will assist you as you reinforce the Ponder Point. **Did You Know?** has fun facts about this part of The Big God Story for you to share with your child. And **Tot Talk** is simply a conversation starter to assist you as you spiritually parent.

We encourage you to begin a tradition of a family night in your home with **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**. Each month this resource is filled with ideas on how to create home environments that God can use to beckon your children to Him. Visit Homefrontmag.com or check with your Children's Pastor for a copy of the latest issue. You can also download the free app on your iPhone, iPad, or Android device by searching for HomeFront.

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SUMMER
Week 5

July 03, 2016

Blessing

Read Psalm 46:1:
"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

Hamilton says,
"Dig into God's Word"

Read 1 Kings 19:11-13a. After reading, remind your child that just as God was with Elijah in the cave, God is with us.

Tot Talk

How did Elijah know that God was with him? He heard His gentle whisper.

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1 Kings 19:9-18

God called to Elijah in a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard this, he went out to meet with the Lord.

Ponder Point

GOD IS WITH ME

Did You Know?

- Elijah was in a cave hiding from Jezebel, King Ahab's wife, who wanted to have him killed.
- Elijah was scared, lonely, and sad. Even at this low point in Elijah's life, God was with him!

Your child is capable of imitating sounds. Use your voice inflection to create a verbal picture of the wind, fire, earthquake, and the whisper of God. Encourage your child to repeat the sounds you make.

SUMMER
Week 6

July 10, 2016

Blessing

(Insert your child's name), **may you know God is with you all day and night.**

Tot Talk

Is God with you when you're sad?
Yes! Is God with you when you're happy?
Yes! God is always with us!

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SUMMER
Week 7

July 17, 2016

Blessing

Open a Bible and read Galatians 3:26 over your child:
“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.”

Jonah 1—4

God asked Jonah to go to Ninevah and deliver a special message. Instead, Jonah ran from God. He boarded a boat, but God sent a violent storm. Eventually, Jonah was thrown overboard and swallowed by a great fish. After three days in the belly of the fish, God rescued Jonah and he went to Ninevah to deliver the message.

Ponder Point

OUR GOD SAVES

Blessing

(Insert your child’s name), **our God is a God who saves. May you trust in Him alone to save you.**

SUMMER
Week 8

July 24, 2016

Did You Know?

- Ninevah, where God sent Jonah, was the capital of Assyria and one of Israel’s greatest enemies.
- After Jonah was spit out of the fish, God asked him to go to Ninevah again. This time, Jonah did what God asked.

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Read Jonah 1:17—2:10. After reading, remind your child that it was God who saved Jonah from the belly of the fish.

Tot Talk

Your child may enjoy playing peek-a-boo. As you play and ask, “Where’s baby?” remind your child that there’s nowhere she can hide from God because He is always with her.

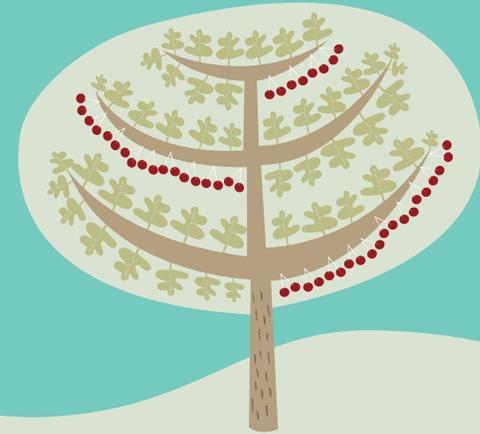
Tot Talk

What did Jonah do when he was inside the big fish? That’s right, he prayed to God.

How many days did Jonah spend inside the fish? Three days! Who saved Jonah? God saved him!

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