

HomeFront Weekly is designed for you to use during the week with your children. You'll find out what they learned today at church, and can help them prepare for next week by exploring the theme (or Ponder Point) and spending time together in God's Word.

WHAT WE LEARNED THIS WEEK

PONDER POINT: GOD BLESSES

Ruth

Ruth 1—4

Noami's husband and two sons died while they were living in Moab to escape the famine in their homeland. But when Naomi returned to Bethlehem, her daughter-in-law Ruth went with her. God blessed both Naomi and Ruth by providing food and a new family for them. And through this family line, God blessed the whole world by providing the Savior, Jesus!

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD GAVE THE PROMISE, PART 1

Mary

Luke 1:1–56

An angel visits Mary and tells her that she will give birth to Jesus.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The angel Gabriel visited Mary and told her she would give birth to the Son of the Most High.
- Mary's initial reaction to the angel's words was fear and confusion.
- While Mary may not have understood God's methods, she trusted that He would do what He had promised.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Read this passage to your children at bedtime. Gather together on the bed and cuddle up. Pray together as a family and thank God for the chance to celebrate the birth of Jesus. **Read Luke 1:26–38.** After you've read, talk to your children about how surprising and incredible it must have been for Mary to see an angel before her in her home. Ask them to imagine if an angel came and started talking to them right now.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How do you think Mary felt about the news the angel had given her?
- How did Mary show she trusted God?
- How can we show that we trust God today?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Gave The Promise into your everyday life as a family.

REMEMBER VERSE

The Remember Verse focuses on a character trait of God that's highlighted in next week's portion of The Big God Story.

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

Luke 1:68

BLESSING

Blessings are often used in the Bible. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may you remember Jesus is The Promise and share Him with others.**

For more information about blessing your child, go to truministry.com to the Parenting tab. And for more creative ideas on spiritually leading your family, visit HomeFrontMag.com.