

WEEK 3

3.7

April 16, 2017

Blessing

Open a Bible and read Revelation 1:8: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

Part of The Big God Story

3.7 - John 19-20

God sent Jesus to earth as our Savior. He died on a cross for our sins. After three days, He rose from the grave. Jesus is alive!

3.8 - Matthew 28:16-20

Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He met with His apostles on a mountain in Galilee where He commissioned them to spread the good news to all nations.

Ponder Point

3.7 JESUS IS ALIVE
3.8 JESUS IS THE GOOD NEWS

Blessing

(Insert your child's name), may you know that Jesus is the good news!

WEEK 4

3.8

April 23, 2017

Did You Know?

3.7 • Some believe that the "stone" sealing Jesus' tomb could have weighed more than a thousand pounds!

3.8 • All eleven disciples were present with Jesus when He told them to spread the good news.

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3.7 Read John 20:15-16. After reading, remind your child that after Jesus came back to life, He first appeared to Mary!

3.8 Read Matthew 28:19-20. Remind your child that Jesus is always with us, even though we can't see Him.

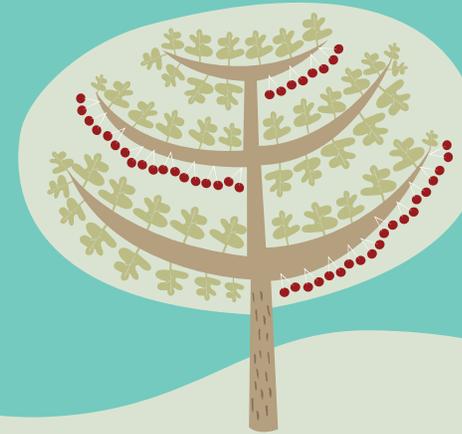
Tot Talk

Your child can understand simple comparisons. Play "full or empty" using a box with a lid and some familiar household objects to help your child begin to understand the empty tomb.

Did Jesus stay dead? No, He came back to life!

Tot Talk

Remind your child that Jesus wants us to tell everyone the good news. Discuss some people in your life who need to hear the gospel.



A Parent Preteach Resource

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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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Part of The Big God Story

WEEK 1

3.5

April 02, 2017

Blessing

(Insert your child's name),
May you always know that that Jesus is King every day and every night.

3.5 JESUS IS KING
 3.6 JESUS IS ALIVE

Ponder Point

3.5 - Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-38
 Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. As Jesus rode into the city, the people celebrated while they shouted, "Hosanna, Hosanna!"

3.6 - John 19-20

God had a plan to send a Savior. When the time was right, God sent His only Son, Jesus, who came to earth and died on a cross for our sins. After three days, He rose from the grave. Jesus is alive!

WEEK 2

3.6

April 09, 2017

Blessing

(Insert your child's name),
Jesus is alive! May you know His great love for you today and always.

Did You Know?

- 3.5** • We celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.
- 3.6** • Over 500 people saw Jesus alive between the time of His resurrection and His ascension into heaven!

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3.5 Read **Matthew 21:7-9.** After reading, remind your child that by spreading their garments on the road in front of Him, the people were honoring Jesus as King.

3.6 Read **John 20:1.** Remind your child that the "stone" was really a large boulder!

Tot Talk

Your child enjoys role-play and dress-up. Allow your child to dress as royalty. Be sure to include a discussion about Jesus, our true King who loves us!

Tot Talk

Why did the crowds cheer for Jesus? They were saying that Jesus is the King, sent by God.

Why wasn't Jesus in the tomb? Because He is alive!