

WEEK 3

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Part of The Big God Story

Matthew 19:13-15

People followed Jesus everywhere to hear Him speak of God's love. A group of people brought their children and asked Jesus to bless them. The disciples began to send the children away.

Jesus stopped the disciples and told them to let the children come to Him.

Ponder Point

JESUS LOVES ME

Blessing

Open a Bible and read John 13:34:

"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

Blessing

(Insert your child's name),
**may you always know how much
Jesus loves you.**

Did You Know?

- In the first century, children were placed at one of the lowest rungs of society.
- Jesus did the unexpected when He showed His love for children by inviting them to come to Him.

Hamilton says,
**"Dig into
God's Word"**

Read Matthew 19:13-15. Remind your child how much Jesus loves everyone!

Tot Talk

Your child needs consistent provision and love. Your consistency will be the building blocks upon which your child will learn that God cares for him.

How did Jesus show His love to the children in the story? Yes, by letting them come to Him!

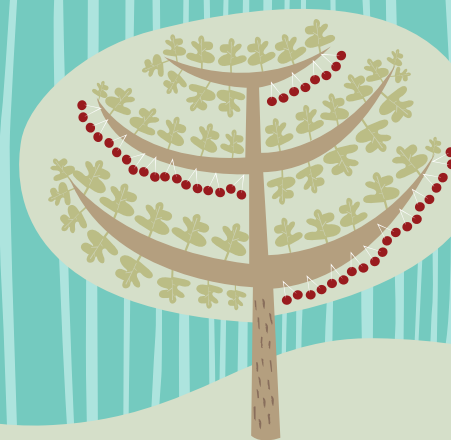
How do you know that Jesus loves you?

WEEK 4

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A Parent
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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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WEEKLY

WEEK 1

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Blessing

Open a Bible and read Psalm 73:28a:
"But as for me, it is good to be near God."

(Insert your child's name) **May you know that it's good to be near to God.**

Part of The Big God Story

Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-51

After praying, Jesus walked on the water to meet the disciples, who were out on the lake in a boat. Peter walked out on the water to meet Jesus. When Peter became afraid and began to sink, Jesus saved him.

Ponder Point

GOD IS WITH ME

WEEK 2

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Blessing

(Insert your child's name), **God is with you. May you know how good it is to be near Him.**

Did You Know?

- The miracle of Jesus walking on water is one of 37 miracles of Jesus recorded in the gospels!
- It was when Peter got scared by the wind and the waves he began to sink in the water.

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Read Matthew 14:28-31. After reading, remind your child that God is with her, just as Jesus was with Peter.

Tot Talk

Your child may enjoy playing with water. During bath time, give her a few objects and discuss which ones sink and which ones float.

Tot Talk

How did Jesus get to His friends who were out on the lake? Could anyone but God do this? NO! Jesus is God.

Remind your child that God is always with us. Discuss the fact that He is present in our lives when we are happy, sad, or even scared like the disciples were!