

WEEK 3

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Part of The Big God Story

Acts 12:1-19

King Herod imprisoned Peter, putting him under heavy guard while he awaited his trial. Peter's friends gathered to pray for him. God heard their prayers and sent an angel to free Peter from prison.

Ponder Point

GOD LISTENS TO OUR PRAYERS

Blessing

Open a Bible and read Matthew 19:26: "Jesus looked at them and said, '... with God all things are possible.'"

Blessing

(Insert your child's name), may you remember that no matter how hard something is, God can do anything, and He always listens to your prayers.

Did You Know?

- God sent an angel to lead Peter out of prison and to safety.
- When Peter first arrived at the house where his friends were praying, they didn't believe it was him!

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Read Acts 12:4-7. After reading, remind your child that it was only through prayer that Peter's freedom was possible. You may also want to say that Peter was in jail, but not because he had made bad choices. He had only obeyed God and was making good choices!

Tot Talk

Your child can learn about prayer and may enjoy imitating you by folding her hands or kneeling to pray.

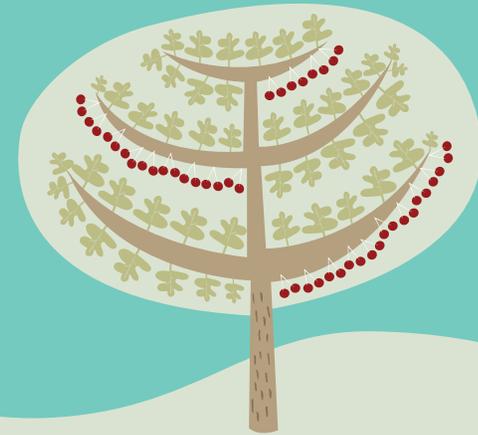
What are some things you pray about? Do you think God is listening when you pray?

Tot Talk

Remind your child that prayer is simply talking to God.

WEEK 4

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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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WEEK 1

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Blessing

Open a Bible and read Isaiah 6:3b: **"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."**

Part of The Big God Story

3.9 - 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.

3.10 - Acts 11:19-30

The apostles shared God's love with the people in Antioch, and many of them decided to follow Jesus. As Barnabas and Paul returned to teach, God's love prompted the church in Antioch to help provide for the people in Jerusalem who were facing a famine.

Ponder Point

3.9 JESUS IS THE GOOD NEWS
3.10 GOD IS LOVE

WEEK 2

3.10

Blessing

(Insert your child's name),
God is love. May you know how much He loves you.

Did You Know?

3.9 • The word "gospel" is a translation from an Old English word *gōdspell*, which literally means "good news."

3.10 • According to Acts 11:26, it was in Antioch that believers were first called "Christians."

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

3.10 Read Acts 11:27-30. Remind your child that it was God's love that prompted the church in Antioch to want to help their brothers and sisters in Jerusalem.

Tot Talk

Your child enjoys make believe and is developing his imagination. Allow him to choose some people to make pretend phone calls to, telling them that Jesus is the good news.

Tot Talk

What did Jesus tell the apostles to do? Who did Jesus say would be with them?

Remind your child that God's love should help us to love other people. Discuss the ways your child can show love to those around him.