

HomeFront Weekly is designed for you to use during the week with your son or daughter. 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 IS HOPE

Joseph

2 Samuel 7; Isaiah 7:1–14; Matthew 1

The angel visits Joseph.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS THE PROMISED SAVIOR

Birth of Jesus

Isaiah 9:1–2, 6–7; Luke 2

Jesus is born.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The incarnation showed God's love and affection for humanity.
- The angels who announced Christ's birth first appeared to the shepherds, who were considered the lowest segment of society at the time.
- Heaven and earth joined for a moment in celebration as a great multitude of angels spilled into the skies of earth to proclaim the arrival of Jesus.
- After seeing Jesus, the shepherds were compelled to tell others of their experience with God.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Gather around your Christmas tree (if you don't have a tree, light a few candles) and **read Luke 2:4–20**. Explain to your children that it must have been an amazing sight to see so many angels praising God together. Now lead your family in singing "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" together. (You may want to search the Internet for the lyrics or download a recording of the song.)

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What did the angels say to the shepherds?
- How do you think the shepherds felt when they saw the angels?
- What do you think it means to be saved from our sins?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how Jesus is the Promised Savior 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.

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6

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 know Jesus, the Savior and hope of the world. May you remember that God always keeps His promises.**

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.