

WEEK 3

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Part of The Big God Story

Daniel 6

The king passed a new law that forced the people to pray to him only. Daniel loved God and prayed only to Him. When the king found out, he had no choice but to put Daniel in the lions' den. God protected Daniel. He was saved, and the living God was praised.

Ponder Point

GOD IS THE LIVING GOD

Blessing

Open a Bible and read Daniel 6:26b over your child:

"For he is the living God and he endures forever."

Blessing

(Insert your child's name), may you remember that the living God is always with you. He is powerful enough to protect you.

WEEK 4

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Did You Know?

- Daniel prayed three times a day. He often prayed for God's people even though they had turned from worshipping Him.
- When King Darius ran to the lions' den to find Daniel, Daniel was alive and well and without a single scratch on him!

Hamilton says, "Dig into God's Word"

Read Daniel 6:13-23. After reading, remind your child that it was the living God who rescued Daniel from the mouths of the lions.

Tot Talk

Your child can distinguish emotions based on facial expressions and can mimic those expressions. As you read Daniel's story, allow your child to make happy, scared, angry, sad, and surprised faces during appropriate parts of the story.

Tot Talk

Did Daniel stop praying to God when the king made the new law? No, Daniel continued to pray to God three times a day!

Who protected Daniel? God did. The king sent a message to the world telling them that God is the living God.



A Parent Preteach Resource

for the weeks of ...

July 1-22, 2018

God has given parents the privilege of being the primary spiritual nurturers of their children's faith.

The At Home Weekly is designed to reinforce that truth by encouraging 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.

WEEK 1

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2 Kings 22—23:23

Scrolls containing God's Word were discovered during the temple restoration. Josiah made sure the scrolls were read to the people. The powerful words led the people to destroy their idols and continue to repair the Lord's temple.

WEEK 2

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Ponder Point

GOD'S WORD HAS
POWER

Blessing

Open a Bible and read Psalm 119:105a:
"Your word is a lamp for my feet."

Blessing

(Insert your child's name), may
God's Word help you know God
and follow Him.

Did You Know?

- Josiah took the throne as king when he was only eight years old!
- After hearing God's Word, Josiah ordered that all idols and anything associated with the worship of pagan gods be destroyed.

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God's Word"

Read 2 Kings 22:8–19. After reading, remind your child that God's Word had power in King Josiah's life.

Tot Talk

Your child may enjoy playing with nesting blocks. Choose a few to overturn. Hide an object beneath one and encourage your child to find it. Remind him how Josiah found God's Word.

Tot Talk

Where can we read God's words?
In the Bible!

God's Word is so powerful that just
hearing it changed Josiah's life!