

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!

Hamilton says, "Dig into God's Word"

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 folding her hands or kneeling to pray.

Tot Talk

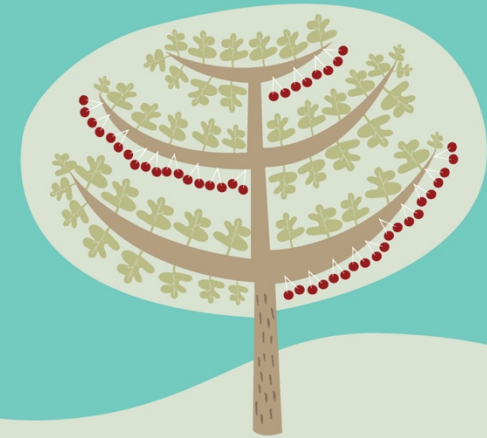
Remind your child that prayer is simply talking to God.

WEEK 4

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at|home WEEKLY



A Parent Preteach Resource

for the weeks of ...

January 27 through February 17, 2019

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.

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WEEK 1

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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.

WEEK 2

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Ponder Point

GOD IS LOVE

Blessing

Open a Bible and read Psalm 36:7a:
"How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!"

Blessing

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

Did You Know?

- According to Acts 11:26, it was in Antioch that believers were first called "Christians."
- Early Christians identified each other by drawing an arc in the sand, and if the other person drew a second arc (forming the shape of a fish) they knew they were both believers.

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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

Praise your child's effort to help with housework and remind him that helping your family honors God.

Tot Talk

Why were the people in Antioch taking care of each other?
The people loved God and others, just as God had asked them to.

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.