

WEEK 3

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Part of The Big God Story

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.

WEEK 4

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Ponder Point

JESUS IS THE GOOD NEWS

Blessing

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

Blessing

(Insert your child's name), may you know that Jesus is the good news!

Did You Know?

- All eleven disciples were present with Jesus when He told them to spread the good news.
- The word "gospel" is a translation from an Old English word *gōdspell*, which literally means "good news."

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

Tot Talk

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

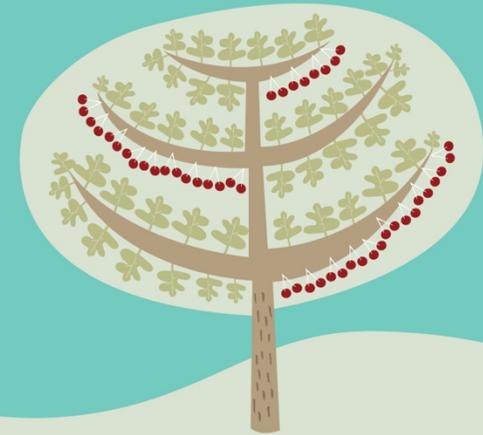
Your child enjoys making believe and is developing his imagination. Allow him to choose some people to make pretend phone calls to, telling them that Jesus is the good news.

Tot Talk

Remind your child that Jesus wants us to tell everyone the good news. Discuss some people in your life who need to hear the gospel.



at|home WEEKLY



A Parent Preteach Resource

for the weeks of ...

April 14-May 5, 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.

Part of The Big God Story

WEEK 1

3.5

John 19—20

God had a plan to send a Savior. When the time was right, God sent His only Son, Jesus, who came to earth and died on a cross for our sins. After three days, He rose from the grave. Jesus is alive!

WEEK 2

3.6

Ponder Point

JESUS IS ALIVE

Blessing

Open a Bible and read Revelation 1:8:
"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

Blessing

(Insert your child's name),
Jesus is alive! May you know His great love for you today and always.

Did You Know?

- Over 500 people saw Jesus alive between the time of His resurrection and His ascension into heaven.
- Some believe that the "stone" sealing Jesus' tomb could have weighed more than a thousand pounds!

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Read John 20:1. Remind your child that the "stone" was really a large boulder!

Tot Talk

Your child can understand simple comparisons. Play "full or empty" using a box with a lid and some familiar household objects to help your child begin to understand the empty tomb.

Tot Talk

Did Jesus stay dead?
No, He came back to life!

Why wasn't Jesus in the tomb?
Because He is alive!