

HomeFront Weekly is designed for you to use during the week with your children. 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 GAVE THE PROMISE, PART 1

Mary

Luke 1:1–56

All the way back in the beginning of The Big God Story, God made a promise to send a Savior. This week children discovered that an angel announced to a young girl named Mary that she would be the mother of God's Promise, Jesus.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD GAVE THE PROMISE, PART 2

Joseph

Matthew 1:18–25

An angel visits Joseph and tells him that Mary will give birth to Jesus.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- A betrothal was a formal engagement period that lasted about one year, and could only be broken with a certificate of divorce and at the request of the bridegroom.
- Mary risked divorce and a possible death sentence when she told Joseph of her pregnancy.
- God's angel visited Joseph in a dream and told him that what Mary had said was true.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Create a setting for your children that will help them engage with the passage they're about to hear. Because the angel spoke to Joseph in a dream, read this part of The Big God Story while your children are in bed. Remind them that the angel spoke to Joseph while he was sleeping. **Read Matthew 1:18–25.** Pray together as a family, and thank God for always keeping His promises to us.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How do you think Joseph felt after his meeting with the angel?
- What questions do you think Joseph asked the angel?
- Who do you think Joseph may have told about God's promise of Jesus?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Gave The Promise 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.

Love the Lord with all you heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.
Deuteronomy 6:5

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 is The Promise and God's gift to you!**

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.