

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: JESUS IS IMMANUEL

Mary

Isaiah 7:14; 9:1–7; Luke 1:1–4, 26–56

An angel visits Mary to tell her she will give birth to the Son of God.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS HOPE

Joseph

2 Samuel 7; Isaiah 7:1–14; Matthew 1

The angel visits Joseph.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- A *prophet* is someone who shares God's message with His people.
- A *priest* is someone called by God to intercede between God and man, overseeing offerings and sacrifices for sin.
- A king is someone appointed by God to rule over and protect His chosen people.
- Jesus, who is fully God and fully man, was a prophet who shared God's message with the world, a priest because He sacrificed Himself for our sin, and a king who reigns in the hearts of all who believe.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Make a family tree with your children. This can be a simple illustration on a piece of paper that shows some of the generations that have gone before you in your family. If you have pictures, pull these out and let your children look through them as you explain your family tree. Tell them that the Old Testament promised Jesus would come from a very special family line. **Read Matthew 1:17–24.** Pray together as a family, thanking God for fulfilling His promise to send Jesus.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Who were some of Jesus' ancestors?
- What did the angel say to Joseph?
- How did Jesus' birth bring hope into the world?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Is Hope 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 be filled with the everlasting hope that only comes from God. May you trust that He will be with you all the days of your life.**

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.