

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 allowing 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, Tru Fire Blessings 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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WEEKLY

MAY 13

Week 11

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.

MAY 20

Week 12

Blessing

Open a Bible and read Matthew 19:26:
"Jesus looked at them and said,
'... with God all things are possible.'"

Ponder Point

GOD LISTENS TO OUR PRAYERS

Blessing

(Insert your child's name), **may you remember that no matter how hard something is, God can do anything! God 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

What are some things you pray about? Do you think God is listening when you pray?

Remind your child that prayer is simply talking to God.