

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

JULY 15

Lesson 7

Part of The Big God Story

Jonah 1—4

God asked Jonah to go to Nineveh and deliver a special message. Instead, Jonah ran from God. He boarded a boat, but God sent a violent storm. Eventually, Jonah was thrown overboard and swallowed by a great fish. After three days in the belly of the fish, God rescued Jonah and he went to Nineveh to deliver the message.

Ponder Point

OUR GOD SAVES

Blessing

Open a Bible and read Galatians 3:26 to your child:

"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith."

Blessing

(Insert your child's name), **our God is a God who saves. May you trust in Him alone to save you.**

Did You Know?

- Nineveh, where God sent Jonah, was the capital of Assyria and one of Israel's greatest enemies.
- After Jonah was spit out of the fish, God asked him to go to Nineveh again. This time, Jonah did what God asked.

Hamilton says,
"Dig into God's Word"

Read Jonah 1:17—2:10. After reading, remind your child that it was God who saved Jonah from the belly of the fish.

Tot Talk

Your child may enjoy playing peek-a-boo. As you play and ask, "Where's baby?" remind your child that there's nowhere she can hide from God because He is always with her.

Tot Talk

What did Jonah do when he was inside the big fish? That's right, he prayed to God.

How many days did Jonah spend inside the fish? Three days! Who saved Jonah? God saved him!