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God's plan is for you to be the primary spiritual nurturer of your child's faith. This resource is designed to allow your family to share time in God's Word **before** your child attends youth group. **HomeFront Weekly** is meant to inspire you toward a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ, equip you to be the first person presenting these biblical concepts to your child, and support you as you connect and grow alongside your son or daughter.

## CONNECT AS A FAMILY

*Faith can flourish in the context of healthy and intentional relationships. Start by sharing your life and then asking your child about hers. Without judgment, model honesty and let her know you want to hear her heart.*

Many times in the Old Testament, the people of God remembered His work by placing a pile of stones as a monument to remember God's graciousness. As the Psalms series comes to an end, we want to invite you to participate in a version of this. Together with your child, each of you take a rock and write a word or phrase on it that captures what you want to remember and celebrate from God's work in your life and family throughout this series. Place the rocks in a garden or a special place in your home. Through other significant learning moments in your family, add rocks to your pile. From time to time, go back and look at the rocks. Allow the Holy Spirit to help you remember the significant work God did, is doing, and desires to still do. Remember and celebrate our God who is mighty and near.

## CONNECT WITH YOUR CHILD'S LEADER

*In this section, we'll provide you with creative ways to inspire, equip, and support the leaders who are intentionally pouring into your child, guiding him to a closer relationship with Jesus. Your child's leaders should be leading with your encouragement and input.*

During the past seven weeks, your child's leader has spent a lot of time preparing, praying, and implementing a plan to come alongside you and help disciple your child. Find a way to celebrate your child's leader. Little things like a thank-you note, a coffee gift card, or just a face-to-face expression of thanks let your child's leader know you're mindful of the work she's doing to invest in your child.

## FAMILY FOCUS VERSES

During this series, one of the challenges was for your family to memorize Psalm 23 together. Set aside time to celebrate your progress. One way to celebrate would be to go out to one of your favorite restaurants. Use this as an opportunity to celebrate your accomplishment, but more importantly, use it as an opportunity to reflect through one of the great psalms of Scripture. Share your favorite lines from the psalm and ask how any of the lines were particularly meaningful.

## WHERE WE'RE HEADED

### GOD IS WORTHY

When God instructed parents to pass their faith to their children and teach His commandments, His strategy was to look for both planned and unplanned times to reflect on His character and work. He said, “Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up” (Deuteronomy 6:7). The idea is that families would talk about Him everywhere at anytime. Sometimes the best conversations we have with our child about God and faith are unplanned, unstructured times.

In the days and weeks ahead, look for ways to continue to point your child to the truth that God is worthy. He is worthy to be praised, thanked, and trusted. He is worthy of our confession, lament, and anger. He is worthy to be remembered and celebrated. When our children settle in their hearts that God is indeed worthy of their worship, they'll choose Him over all other idols. Idols always overpromise and underdeliver. The more we root the worthiness of God in the hearts of our children, the less attractive any other weak substitute will look to them.

### DID YOU KNOW ...

When God created the heavens and the earth in six days—and rested on the seventh—He was modeling for us a rhythm for our daily lives. It's how He designed our bodies and minds to function. We work and then we rest. An important part of that rest is a time to reflect, remember, and celebrate

**MIDDLE SCHOOLERS** are transitioning from childhood into adolescence and crafting their identity is key to this stage of life. These years have been referred to as “wet cement” years. They're wondering how they're known in this world. Speak words of affirmation for how you've seen your child grow over the course of this series. Rather than focusing on what they could've done better, celebrate what they've done well and the ways you see them maturing.

### BLESSING

*A blessing can be a spoken prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words of encouragement and guidance over your child. For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in HomeFront Magazine: A Spiritual Parenting Resource ([www.HomeFrontMag.com](http://www.HomeFrontMag.com)).*

(Child's name), **may your eyes be open to God's work in you and around you. May you know that He is active in your life because He loves you. You have been blessed by God; may you also be a blessing to others.**

## **Parents!**

We are super excited about how many of your students have started coming to YTH 678!

There is an exciting opportunity that we would like to available to you, the parents! Every Sunday we are hoping to provide breakfast items for the students to enjoy.

If you are interested in helping meet this need, please contact Stephanie Gho by text at 907-687-5511 or email: [ghohome.ak@gmail.com](mailto:ghohome.ak@gmail.com). Thank you for your consideration!

Pastor Andrew