

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

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Feast of Harvest: Remembering and Celebrating God's Abundant Provision

While celebrating the Feast of Harvest, the Israelites thanked God for abundantly providing for their physical and spiritual needs—including the way into relationship with Him.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS FAITHFUL

John the Baptist

Isaiah 40:3; Matthew 3

God prepares the way for Jesus through John the Baptist.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Born in the hill country of Judah to Elizabeth, a relative of Mary the mother of Jesus, John the Baptist was the cousin of Jesus.
- When Mary, who was pregnant with Jesus, came into the room, John leaped in his mother's womb (Luke 1:41).
- Taking the Nazarite vow, John was set apart to God. He wouldn't drink wine or strong drink, cut his hair, or go near a dead body.
- John paved the way for Jesus by calling people to repent and be baptized as a symbol of turning away from their sin.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Let your kids know that today they'll hear about a big moment in The Big God Story. For 400 years, God hadn't spoken to His people through prophets or judges. But, suddenly, John the Baptist began teaching that Jesus—the long-awaited Messiah—had arrived! Jesus would offer Himself as the final sacrifice for sin, making the way for all people to be forgiven and enter into relationship with God. **Read Matthew 3.** Explain that this means all of us can repent of our sins and turn to follow Jesus. If your kids haven't yet chosen to trust and obey Jesus, you might talk with them about making this choice.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What does it mean to repent?
- What happens when we repent?
- How have you seen God's faithfulness in your life?
- How can we respond to God's faithfulness?

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

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

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 that God is powerful, and may you see His power in your life.**



Date: _____

Lesson 3.1

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.



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