

**At Home 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: GOD PROTECTS

#### David and Jonathan

1 Samuel 18—20

Saul chose to go against God's plan by trying to hurt David. However, Saul's son, Jonathan, answered God's call to follow God's plan. Instead of getting angry because he would never become king and David would, Jonathan chose to love and protect David. In this way, God used Jonathan to play a very important role in The Big God Story.

## WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

### PONDER POINT: YAHWEH: THE MOST HIGH GOD

#### Elijah on Mt. Carmel

1 Kings 18—19

In today's part of The Big God Story, Yahweh speaks in two very different ways: in an amazing display of fire and in a gentle whisper. In both ways, God reveals something important and unique about Himself: He is the one true, always-existing God who is all-powerful, and He is a personal God who lovingly speaks to His children.

## DID YOU KNOW?

*Share these facts to get the conversation started.*

- Yahweh means "I AM WHO I AM."
- Whenever you see "LORD" in the Bible, it means Yahweh.
- Elijah's commitment to ending the worship of idols resulted in his challenging the prophets of Baal, even though he risked death by doing so.
- When God showed Himself at the altar as a consuming fire, the people fell on their faces and declared that Yahweh is God.
- Later, this same God who showed Himself as a consuming fire spoke to Elijah in a gentle whisper to comfort and guide him.

## CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Gather as a family to read this part of The Big God Story around a fireplace, fire pit, or candles. Then tell them you're going to read a Bible story about fire. **Read 1 Kings 18:16–39** (\**Fire Bible for Kids*, pp. 426–427). Then talk about what the people did after God sent fire to burn up the sacrifice. Remind them that Elijah had soaked the sacrifice and the surrounding area three times with water. Share with them that Baal didn't have the power to answer the cries of the people who worshipped him. However, Yahweh—the one true God—did. Ask your children what this tells them about God. Proclaim together that God is the one true and existing God by saying together, "Yahweh, You alone are God!"

*After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:*

- How did God use Elijah in this part of The Big God Story?
- What are some ways we hear God's voice?
- When was a time you felt God speaking to you?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about Yahweh, the Most High God, 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.*

**In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps. Proverbs 16:9**

## 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 the Lord reveal Himself to you in big and small ways. May He be the Most High God in your life, and may you have ears to hear the Holy Spirit when He speaks to you.**

For more information about blessing your child, go <https://trufirecurriculum.com>. And for more creative ideas on spiritually leading your family, visit [HomeFrontMag.com](http://HomeFrontMag.com).