

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: JESUS IS KING

Wise Men

Micah 5:2; Jeremiah 31:15; Hosea 11:1; Matthew 2

God announced the birth of His Son with a star. Wise Men from the east saw the star and realized what it meant: The King of the Jews had been born. The Wise Men traveled from their land to Bethlehem to worship Jesus and give Him gifts worthy of a king.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Feast of First Fruits: God Is Trustworthy

The Feast of First Fruits occurs two days after Passover and during the weeklong Festival of Unleavened Bread. It marked the beginning of the barley harvest. As God's people offered their first sheaves of grain, they offered to God their thanks for being trustworthy. We can always trust God to provide for us.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The Israelites celebrated seven annual feasts and festivals: Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, Feast of First Fruits, Feast of Pentecost (or Harvest), Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Feast of Tabernacles (or Booths).
- With the exception of the Day of Atonement, the Israelites ate, danced, sang, played instruments, prayed, and offered sacrifices to God during their feasts and festivals. The Day of Atonement is a solemn day of fasting and prayer.
- The Feast of First Fruits was a celebration of the first grain harvest of spring. The Israelites offered one sheaf offering of grain in the temple on the day following the Sabbath. It marked the beginning of the spring harvest.
- This feast was fulfilled by the resurrection of the Messiah, Jesus

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Sometime this week, set aside an evening to remember and celebrate as a family. Just as the Israelite celebrations revolved around a feast, create a "feast" for your family: eat ice cream, make milkshakes, get French fries, build a fire and roast marshmallows, etc. Then **read Psalm 65** (**Fire Bible, pp. 699-700*). Spend some time remembering what God has done in the life of your family.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What does the word *trustworthy* mean?
- What are some of the ways God has shown Himself trustworthy in The Big God Story?
- How can we show our appreciation to God for being trustworthy?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to talk about how God is trustworthy in your everyday life as a family.

REMEMBER VERSE

This week, pause and review the Remember Verse your child has learned in the past few weeks.

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6*

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 our God is mighty and powerful, and He fights for you. May you see God as your Deliverer in your life this week.**

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

