

WEEK 3

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Part of The Big God Story

Week 3 - John 10:1-21

Jesus used a story to teach people, called a parable, about the way a shepherd cares for His sheep. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He loves His sheep and He knows them. Jesus is our Good Shepherd and we are His sheep.

Week 4 - Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-38

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. As Jesus rode into the city, the people celebrated while they shouted, "Hosanna, Hosanna!"

Ponder Point

WEEK 3 JESUS IS MY SHEPHERD

WEEK 4 JESUS IS KING

Blessing

(Insert your child's name),

May you always remember that Jesus loves you.

Blessing

(Insert your child's name),

May you come to know Jesus as your Savior and King.

Did You Know?

WEEK 3 • As our Good Shepherd, Jesus is concerned about our welfare and protection.

WEEK 4 • We celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

Hamilton says,
"Dig into God's Word"

WEEK 3 Read John 10:14-15. After reading, remind your child that Jesus is our Shepherd.

WEEK 4 Read Matthew 21:7-9. After reading, remind your child that by spreading their garments on the road in front of Him, the people were honoring Jesus as King.

Tot Talk

Your child enjoys role-play and dress-up. Allow your child to dress as royalty. Be sure to include a discussion about Jesus, our true King who loves us!

Jesus is our Shepherd. How can we be sure we are following Jesus?

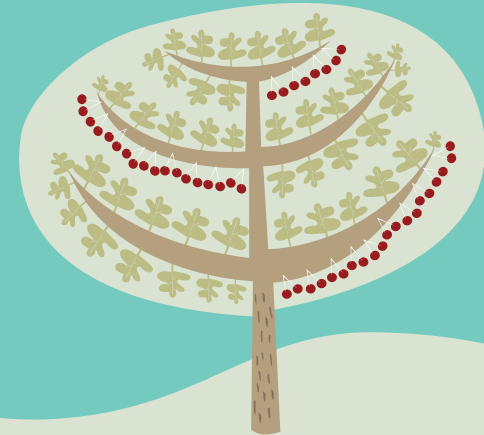
What kind of animal did Jesus ride into Jerusalem? That's right! Jesus rode in on a donkey.

WEEK 4

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od has given parents the privilege of being the primary spiritual nurturers of their children's faith.

The HomeFront 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, TruBlessings 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.

We encourage you to begin a tradition of a family night in your home with **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**. Each month this resource is filled with ideas on how to create home environments that God can use to beckon your children to Him. Visit Homefrontmag.com or check with your Children's Pastor for a copy of the latest issue. You can also download the free app on your iPhone, iPad, or Android device by searching for HomeFront.

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WEEK 1

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Blessing

Open a Bible and read Psalm 73:28a:
"But as for me, it is good to be near God."

(Insert your child's name) **May you know that it's good to be near to God.**

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Read Matthew 14:28-31. After reading, remind your child that God is with her, just as Jesus was with Peter.

Tot Talk

How did Jesus get to His friends who were out on the lake? Could anyone but God do this? NO! Jesus is God.

Part of The Big God Story

Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-51

After praying, Jesus walked on the water to meet the disciples, who were out on the lake in a boat. Peter walked out on the water to meet Jesus. When Peter became afraid and began to sink, Jesus saved him.

Ponder Point

GOD IS WITH ME

Blessing

(Insert your child's name), **God is with you. May you know how good it is to be near Him.**

Did You Know?

- The miracle of Jesus walking on water is one of 37 miracles of Jesus recorded in the gospels!
- It was when Peter got scared by the wind and the waves he began to sink in the water.

Your child may enjoy playing with water. During bath time, give her a few objects and discuss which ones sink and which ones float.

Tot Talk

Remind your child that God is always with us. Discuss the fact that He is present in our lives when we are happy, sad, or even scared like the disciples were!