

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 APRIL 16

PONDER POINT: THE BIG GOD STORY

Easter

Genesis—Revelation

WHERE WE'RE HEADED APRIL 23

PONDER POINT: GOD IS LOVE

Nicodemus's Question

John 2:23–25; 3:1–21

A Pharisee named Nicodemus came to speak to Jesus at night.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Jesus asserts in John 3:16 that “God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” In John 3:18, Jesus goes on to say, “Whoever does not believe stands condemned already.”
- Jesus knew the people at the Passover feast only believed because they saw Him perform miracles; their faith wasn't true saving faith. Nicodemus probably fell into this category of believers.
- Through Jesus' death and resurrection, people can have new life; and only through God's Spirit can people become born-again children of God.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Read John 3:1–9. Talk about the questions Nicodemus had for Jesus. Explain that God welcomes our questions, and consider starting a list of questions your children have about God. Don't worry if you can't answer them on the spot. Work together to find the answers. **Read John 3:16.** Tell your children that God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to bring us into relationship with Him and give us life with Him forever! Discuss with your children whether or not they have made the choice to follow Jesus. If they haven't, give them an opportunity to do so. If any of your children make this decision, celebrate!

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What questions did Nicodemus have for God?
- What questions do you have for God?
- How can you be “born again”?

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

The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

Psalm 145:8

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 love. And may you show love to others as God has loved you.**

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.