

Spring

Week 3

## Part of The Big God Story

**Week 1 - 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!"

**Week 2 - John 19-20**

God had a plan to send a Savior. When the time was right, God sent His only Son, Jesus, who came to earth and died on a cross for our sins. After three days, He rose from the grave. Jesus is alive!

### Ponder Point

WEEK 1 JESUS IS KING

WEEK 2 JESUS IS ALIVE

### Blessing

Open a Bible and read Psalm 10:16a:  
**The LORD is King for ever and ever.**

### Blessing

(Insert your child's name),  
**Jesus is alive! May you know  
His great love for you today and  
always.**

### Did You Know?

**WEEK 1** • We celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

**WEEK 2** • Over 500 people saw Jesus alive between the time of His resurrection and His ascension into heaven!

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**"Dig into  
God's Word"**

**WEEK 3** 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.

**WEEK 4** Read John 20:1. Remind your child that the "stone" was really a large boulder!

### Tot Talk

Your child can understand simple comparisons. Play "full or empty" using a box with a lid and some familiar household objects to help your child begin to understand the empty tomb.

### Tot Talk

Why did the crowds cheer for Jesus? They were saying that Jesus is the King, sent by God.

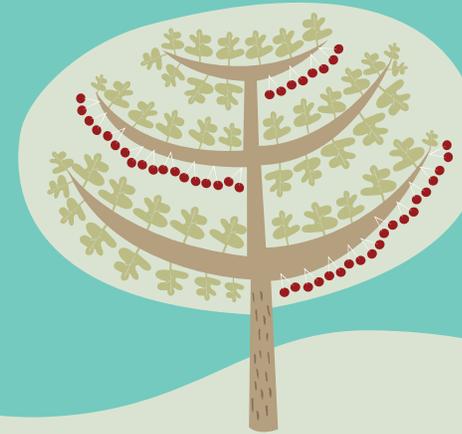
Why wasn't Jesus in the tomb? Because He is alive!

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# God 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](http://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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## Spring Week 1

### Blessing

(Insert your child's name),  
**May you always remember that Jesus loves you.**

## Part of The Big God Story

### Week 1 - 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 2 - 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 1 JESUS IS MY SHEPHERD

WEEK 2 JESUS IS KING

## Spring Week 2

### Blessing

(Insert your child's name),  
**May you come to know Jesus as your Savior and King.**

### Did You Know?

**WEEK 1** • As our Good Shepherd, Jesus is concerned about our welfare and protection.

**WEEK 2** • We celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

### Hamilton says, "Dig into God's Word"

**WEEK 1** Read **John 10:14-15.** After reading, remind your child that **Jesus is our Shepherd.**

**WEEK 2** 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!

### Tot Talk

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.