

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 you 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

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Feast of Unleavened Bread: Remembering and Celebrating God as Redeemer

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS A PROMISE KEEPER

Mary and the Angel

Luke 1:26–38; 46–55

God loves His people so much that He promised to send a Savior who would heal our broken world. God fulfilled His promise by sending His Son, Jesus. God's angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to declare that she had been chosen to bear God's Son. Gabriel told her that Jesus would fulfill the promises and prophecies God made.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The first reference of God's promise to send a Redeemer is found in Genesis 3:15. Here God promises the serpent that the offspring of the woman would crush its head.
- When the angel Gabriel visited Mary to deliver the news of Jesus' birth, she was afraid and confused.
- After Gabriel delivered the news to Mary, she visited with her cousin Elizabeth who was going to have her own baby, John the Baptist.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Read this part of The Big God Story at bedtime. Before reading this passage, ask your children if they can remember the promise God made to Adam and Eve back in the garden. Encourage them to think about how God continually promised His people that He would send them a Redeemer. Then read the account of Mary and the angel Gabriel in **Luke 1:26–38**. Discuss together Mary's response to what the angel told her. Take time to allow each family member to share how he would respond if an angel appeared and told him this great news.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What do you think it was like for Mary to see and speak with an angel?
- Why did God send His Son Jesus into the world?
- How does it make you feel to know that you can count on God to always keep His promises?

Extend these questions into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Is a Promise Keeper 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.

LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

Isaiah 25:1

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 be filled with God's love! Remember that God will keep His promises and always be with you.**



Pre-K/Kindergarten Kids and Families
December 2 to prepare for December 9

Lesson
2.1

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.

