

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 WEEK

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS KING

Wise Men

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

The wise men visit Jesus.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Festival of First Fruits: Celebrating God as Trustworthy

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The Festival of First Fruits marked the beginning of the spring harvest.
- In the New Testament, the Festival of First Fruits was fulfilled by the resurrection of the Messiah.
- The Israelites celebrated seven annual feasts and festivals: Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, Festival of First Fruits, Feast of Harvest, Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Feast of Tabernacles (or Booths).
- During the feasts, the Israelites ate, danced, sang, played instruments, prayed, and offered sacrifices to God.

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**. Spend some time remembering what God has done in the life of your family.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What are some of the ways God has blessed our family?
- For what are you most thankful?

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

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 our trustworthy God bring you peace, comfort, and joy this week! He loves you and can always be trusted with all of your needs.**

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.