

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

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Festival of First Fruits: Celebrating God as Trustworthy

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS STRENGTH

Entering the Promised Land

Joshua 1; 3—4

God leads the Israelites into the Promised Land and gives them strength.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Joshua and Caleb were the only two spies with the faith to enter the Promised Land God had given to them.
- When Moses was dying, he passed the mantle of leadership to Joshua.
- Joshua was to lead the Israelites into Canaan, where the people would settle.
- God gave the Israelites victory in battle after battle and allowed them to take the land piece by piece.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Set up camp indoors by crawling under a table "tent" or gathering on a blanket spread on the floor. Alternatively, gather your family outside if weather permits. Let them know you're going to read a part of The Big God Story in which God does some amazing things. **Read Joshua 3:1–17.** Invite your family to whisper, "Amazing" every time they notice something in the passage that amazes them. When you hear a whispered "Amazing," pause and ask, "What amazing thing did God do?" When you're finished reading, share with your family any "aha" moments you experienced.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Why do you think God gave the Israelites a Promised Land?
- How did God's miracle at the Jordan River strengthen the Israelites' faith?
- How is God the source of your courage and strength?

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

**He gives strength to the weary and
increases the power of the weak.**
Isaiah 40:29

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 alone is the source of your courage and strength. May you seek Him every day of your life.**

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.