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WHAT WE LEARNED THIS WEEK

PONDER POINT: GOD'S CARE IS WONDERFUL

Manna in the Desert

Exodus 16

While the Israelites are traveling to the Promised Land, God shows them His wonderful care by providing bread from heaven, called *manna*.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD SHOWS US HOW TO LIVE

The Ten Commandments

Exodus 19—20

God provides the Ten Commandments to set apart the Israelites as His holy people.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- God gave His people a model for living through the Ten Commandments that enhanced their worship and service to Him.
- When the people lived out the laws, their lives demonstrated the intimate relationship they shared with God.
- The covenant between God and His people at Mt. Sinai was a foreshadowing of what was to come. His new law was put into place to be "our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith" (Galatians 3:24).

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

The next time you're driving somewhere with your family, give yourself extra time and **read aloud Exodus 20:1–17** in the car before you start the engine. As you head to your destination, talk with your children about how the "rules of the road" are in place to keep us safe. Ask, "What would happen if we didn't stop at a red light?" or "What would happen if I drove on the wrong side of the road?" Then explain that God gives us rules like the Ten Commandments because He loves us and wants to protect us.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How do you think the Israelites felt when God gave them the Ten Commandments?
- How has God shown you the best way to live?
- Is there anything you want to ask God today?

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

REMEMBER VERSE

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**Trust in the LORD with all your heart and
lean not on your own understanding.**

Proverbs 3:5

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 always listen to the Lord's voice. He will show you how to worship and serve Him.**

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The Ten Commandments

Exodus 19—20

God wants to set His people apart as a holy nation, so He gives the Israelites the Ten Commandments.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD LEADS THE WAY

The People Enter the Promised Land

Joshua 1; 3—4

God appoints Joshua as the new leader of the Israelites and brings His people into the land He'd promised them.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Moses grew in the Lord and was a model of faith to the community. He blessed others and equipped them to live in service to God.
- Throughout Exodus and Numbers, Joshua worked closely with Moses. In Exodus 24:13, he is referred to as Moses' aide—his right-hand man.
- Joshua was an ideal successor to Moses, and Moses continuously made prophetic hints toward Joshua's future as a leader of God's people.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Read Joshua 1:1–9 just before bedtime. Count with your child how many times God tells Joshua in this part of The Big God Story to “be strong and courageous” (three times). Share with your children that God wants His people to know that He will lead them and they don't have to be afraid. After reading, choose someone in your family to lead everyone to bed. Make sure the leader is creative in the path he takes and the moves he makes in leading everyone off for a good night's sleep.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Why do you think God told Joshua to be “strong and courageous”?
- Why didn't Joshua need to be afraid?
- How does God lead us every day?

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REMEMBER VERSE

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As for me, I call to God, and the LORD saves me.

Psalm 55:16

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PONDER POINT: GOD LEADS THE WAY

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Joshua 1; 3—4

After Moses dies, God chooses Joshua to bring the Israelites into the Promised Land. After God leads them through the Jordan River on dry ground, the people set up stones in remembrance of all God did for them.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD LISTENS TO US

The Sun Stands Still

Joshua 10

Joshua asks God to make the sun stand still as the Israelites fight the Amorites. God listens and grants Joshua's request.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Deuteronomy 6:4 is known as the *Shema* (from the Hebrew word for "hear").
- To *shema* is to hear the cry of one's heart and be moved to respond.
- In Joshua 10, we see *shema* in a new light. In verse 14, the Bible declared that God listened to Joshua, or rather, God *shema*'ed Joshua. He heard the cry of Joshua's heart and was attentive.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Read Joshua 10:12–15 outside in the bright sunlight. Explain to your children that God had already been showing His power by protecting His people and giving them victory after victory in battle. Encourage your kids to imagine what it would be like if the sun stayed and it didn't get dark for a day. What might they do differently? Remind them God has power over everything—the sun, moon, and stars. There's nothing too big for God to do. Is there anything they'd like to ask God, knowing He will listen?

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How does God listen to everyone in the world, all at the same time?
- Why does God listen to us?
- How does God show He listens to us?

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A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may you know that God always hears you when you pray. He is always near, because He cares for you.**

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The Sun Stands Still

Joshua 10

During a battle against the Amorite armies, Joshua asks God to make the sun stand still for a full day. God listens and delays nightfall so the Israelites can defeat their enemies.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS OUR WARRIOR

Gideon Is Called

Judges 6—7

The Israelites call out to God to save them from the Midianite oppressors, so God sends Gideon to lead them into battle.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- In Judges 6, the Israelites had once again turned from the one true God and sought fulfillment through the worship of false gods.
- Because of their disobedience, God permitted neighboring countries to overpower Israel. Each time the people attempted to plant crops, the Midianites and Amalekites swept in and destroyed what had been planted.
- Ironically, God chose to use a simple farmer to redeem Israel. Gideon wasn't trained in the military, and yet the angel of the Lord called him "mighty warrior."

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Read this portion of Scripture when it's dark outside. Tell your children that God had Gideon fight many of his battles at night when it was dark outside to make it harder to see. Then **read together Judges 7:1–8**. Talk about who really won the battle—the Israelites or God? Remind them that God is our Warrior and has the power to fight our battles for us.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What do you think it means that God is our Warrior?
- Have you ever needed God to help you with a hard situation? When?
- What are some ways you need God to fight for you this week?

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(Child's name), **may you feel God's strength and know He is our Warrior. He will always be with you.**

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PONDER POINT: GOD IS OUR WARRIOR

Gideon Is Called

Judges 6—7

When the Israelites turn their back on God, He allows Midian to overpower them. When God's people call to Him, He sends Gideon to lead the people against their enemies. But God makes it clear that it's only by His power that the Israelites defeat the Midianites.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Feast of Unleavened Bread: Remembering and Celebrating God as Redeemer

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- There are seven festivals that were celebrated by the Israelite people: Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, Festival of First Fruits, Feast of Harvest, Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles (or Booths).
- During the feasts, the Israelites ate, danced, sang, played instruments, prayed, and offered sacrifices to God.
- The Feast of Unleavened Bread begins the day after Passover. It was a command upon God's people to take seven days to eat bread without yeast and to cease working on the first and seventh days.
- The unleavened bread represents their quick departure from Egypt, not having time for their yeast to rise.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Gather your family together with a loaf of regular bread and some flat crackers or matzo bread. Explain what yeast is and how it works. Show them the difference between the loaf of bread and the crackers. Share that when God's people escaped from Egypt, they left in such a hurry they didn't have time to wait for their bread dough to rise. God's people have remembered and celebrated this with the Feast of Unleavened Bread. **Read Psalm 18:1–2**, and thank God for being our deliverer.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What are some of the things this passage says about God?
- What is your favorite thing about God?
- How can we remember and celebrate everything God has done for us?

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

BLESSING

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A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **God loves you and will take care of you. May you know the saving gift of His Son Jesus.**

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PONDER POINT: GOD IS IN CHARGE

Rise and Fall of King Saul

1 Samuel 8—10; 15

God's people beg for a human king, and God grants them one even though He was enough for them.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- God is sovereign. Even not fully understanding the big picture of what God is doing, our job is still to obey.
- David is an example of one who chose to serve God with his whole heart. David gave God the glory and proved himself faithful. God blessed David by giving him the kingdom of Israel to rule.
- Saul was not such an obedient man. He, too, was given the opportunity to lead Israel, as their first king. Although he seemed to have a promising start, he didn't finish well.
- When God gives us opportunities to serve Him, we can learn from the responses of both David and Saul, and commit to follow the Lord faithfully.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

One night this week, take your children outside to look at the stars. Talk about how amazing it is that God created the heavens and the earth. He is in charge of it all—and He's in charge of our lives too! Go inside and sit together as you read about God choosing Saul to be king in **1 Samuel 9:14–17**. Share that later, Saul made some really bad choices and forgot that God was in charge. He stopped listening to and obeying God. Also **read 1 Samuel 15:10–11**. Talk about how important it is to listen to God and remember He is in charge.

After reading the Scripture passages, discuss these questions together:

- Whom did God choose to be the first king of Israel?
- Why did God regret making Saul king?
- Knowing God is in charge, how should we respond when He asks us to do something?

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REMEMBER VERSE

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Joshua 1:9

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WHAT WE LEARNED THIS WEEK

PONDER POINT: GOD IS STRONG David Is Anointed and Faces the Giant

1 Samuel 16—17

David, King Saul's anointed successor, defeats a Philistine giant named Goliath through God's strength—using only a sling and stone.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Festival of First Fruits: Remembering and Celebrating God as Trustworthy

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- There are seven festivals that were celebrated by the Israelite people: Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Festival of First Fruits, the Feast of Harvest, the Feast of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles (or Booths).
- First Fruits represents the celebration of the first grain harvest of the spring and the trustworthiness of God.
- In the New Testament, Jesus was resurrected as the "first fruits" offering on Sunday, the day after Passover Sabbath, providing a way for the resurrection of all believers.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

This week, create an additional "special" act of service or household responsibility for your children. When they're finished, give them a small amount of money, over and above any normal allowance. Sit and talk about giving their best to God, and encourage them to consider giving a portion of their earnings to God as an act of worship. Then read **Psalm 85:7–12**. Remind your children that everything we have comes from God. Pray with them, thanking God that He is trustworthy to continually provide for all our needs.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What are some of the things this passage says about God?
- What is one of your favorite things about God?
- How can we be sure to remember and celebrate at home the things God has done for us?

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Zephaniah 3:17a

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(Child's name), **the Lord, the Most High God, is with you and loves you.**

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PONDER POINT: GOD IS LOVE

David and Jonathan's Friendship

1 Samuel 19–20; 31:1–2; 2 Samuel 9:1–7

Jonathan and David show God's love through their friendship with each other. Jonathan protects David from Jonathan's father, King Saul, and David vows to care for Jonathan's family when David becomes king.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS OUR SHEPHERD AND KING

David Crowned King

2 Samuel 5; Psalm 23

God works through the reign of King David to illustrate that He is our true Shepherd and King.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Israel's lack of unity grieved God. The tribes couldn't agree, and there were separate kings ruling over them. God had a plan to bring His chosen people back together. He chose David, a shepherd king, who would rule Israel following God's command.
- "And the Lord said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler'" (2 Samuel 5:2b). The word "shepherd" used here is the Hebrew word *ra'ah*, which means "to tend or feed a flock." Through David's guidance, Israel's focus was pointed toward God once more.
- Scripture refers to God as the King of Kings, the ultimate King, ruling over all people—both the common and the kingly.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Before dinner, have your children go into various areas of your home. Call them to the table by their full names. Once seated, talk about a shepherd's job. He knows each of his sheep by name and cares for them by keeping them safe from harm. Tell them you're going to read a part of The Big God Story where God chose a shepherd to be king. After reading **2 Samuel 5:1–5**, ask why they think a shepherd would make a good king. Then share that God is the King of all kings—greater than any other king. Explain that God is also our Shepherd and He knows each of us by name.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Why do you think God chose David to be king?
- Who is our Shepherd and King?
- How does God care for you as your Shepherd?

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PONDER POINT: GOD IS OUR SHEPHERD AND KING

David Crowned King

2 Samuel 5; Psalm 23

God crowns David, a shepherd, as king of God's people. He charges David to lead the people in a way that illustrates how God is our true Shepherd and King.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD BLESSES US WITH HIS PRESENCE

The Ark Brought to Jerusalem

2 Samuel 6; Psalm 132

Years after the Philistines return the ark of the covenant, it's finally brought to the city of Jerusalem.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- During a dramatic battle against the Philistines, the ark of the covenant, the physical reminder of God's presence with His people, was captured and taken. Devastated, the Israelites mourned. But as long as their enemy had possession of the ark, God plagued them with disease and death.
- After seven months, the terrified Philistines returned the ark to the Israelites at Kiriath Jearim, where it stayed for about 20 years. But God wanted another city to be its resting place.
- The Lord chose Zion, another name for Jerusalem, as the place where the ark would dwell. David, God's chosen and anointed king, vowed to bring the ark to Jerusalem.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Bring out your favorite worship music and encourage your family to join you in a dance party. After the first song, stop and read **2 Samuel 6:12–15 and 17–19**. In the Old Testament, the ark of the covenant reminded people that God was with them. Discuss David's reaction when the Israelites brought the ark to Jerusalem. Explain that because of Jesus, God's Spirit lives inside of us when we decide to follow Him. God is with us all the time. Celebrate some more! Turn the music back on and continue your dance party.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What did David do when he brought the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem?
- Why do you think David celebrated with food and dance?
- How does it make you feel to know that God is with us all the time?

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The Ark Brought to Jerusalem

2 Samuel 6; Psalm 132

The Philistines had captured the ark of the covenant, but it was finally returned to God's people. The ark represented God's presence with His people, so there was much celebration when the ark was eventually brought to its new home in Jerusalem.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS SO GOOD

David's Plans for the Temple

2 Samuel 7; Psalm 30

David plans to build a temple where the people can worship God, but God gives David a gift instead.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- David wanted to build a temple for the Lord. But God had a different plan. He promised to build David a dynasty through David's descendants that would last forever.
- God's plan for David was greater than David could have ever imagined. Through David's lineage came the Savior, Jesus.
- Jesus is the atonement for the sin of the world, allowing us to live in a restored relationship with God. It's through Him that all who believe will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

This week, ask your children to explain to you why they love their home. Then go to your favorite place inside your home to read **2 Samuel 7:1–11** together. King David wanted to build a home for God. Ask children if they think God has just one home. Then explain that God doesn't live in a home because He lives with us and is present in all places all the time.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- When we say, "God is so good," what does that mean?
- How was God good to David?
- How has God been good to you?

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Psalm 100:5a

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2 Samuel 7; Psalm 30

David wants to build a temple for the Lord, but instead God promises David that his family will always have a king on the throne. Many years later, the King of kings, Jesus, is born from David's line.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD GIVES WISDOM

Solomon Asks for Wisdom

1 Kings 2—3

God appears to King Solomon in a dream and encourages Solomon to ask for anything he wants. Solomon asks for wisdom.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- God approached King Solomon in a dream and told Solomon He would provide whatever he requested. Solomon's only desire was for wisdom.
- God granted Solomon wisdom. He also promised, "If you walk in obedience to me ... I will give you a long life" (1 Kings 3:14).
- Despite God's gift, Solomon ultimately chose not to obey the ways of the Lord. His life is an example of the importance of focusing on God, acknowledging that His ways are best.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Take a trip to the library or discuss with your children a time when they visited the library. What might it be like if someone actually read all the books in the library? Would that person be wise when they were finished? Though she may have gained a lot of knowledge, true wisdom comes from God. After the discussion, read the part of The Big God Story when Solomon asked God for wisdom in **1 Kings 3:1–15**. Share that true wisdom comes from God, and we can always seek Him whenever we need to know how to live our lives.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What did Solomon ask for and how did God respond?
- What is wisdom?
- When has God shown His wisdom in your life?

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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

PONDER POINT: GOD IS POWERFUL

Elisha's Miracles

2 Kings 4:1–7, 38–44

God displays His power by working through the prophet Elisha and performing three miracles.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Feast of Harvest: Remembering and Celebrating God's Abundant Provision

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- There are seven festivals that were celebrated by the Israelite people: Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, Festival of First Fruits, Feast of Harvest, Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles (or Booths).
- The feast of Harvest is also called Pentecost. Pentecost, which means "50 days," was celebrated exactly 50 days after Passover and recognized when God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai.
- During this festival, the Israelites celebrated a season of gladness and thanked God for abundantly providing for their physical and spiritual needs—including a way into relationship with Him.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Take a few moments around the dinner table to remember and celebrate all that God has done in your family's life. Thank Him for the many things that we often expect or take for granted, like food, clothing, and the roof over our heads. Remind your children that everything we have comes from God. Ask them to list some things they're thankful for. Then together read **Psalm 100**.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What are some of the things this passage says about God?
- What is your favorite thing about God?
- How can we remember and celebrate the things God has done for us?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about God's Abundant Provision 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), **God loves and cares for you. He is your provider.**

For more information about blessing your child, talk to your ministry leader or see *Spiritual Parenting* by Michelle Anthony.