

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 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 A COVENANT KEEPER, PART 2

Abraham

Genesis 12; 15—16; 21:1—7

God made a covenant with Abraham. God promised Abraham that he would be the father of many nations and that his descendants would be so numerous that trying to count them would be like trying to count the stars! God made this promise while Abraham was still childless. But Abraham believed God's promise and God miraculously provided Abraham's promised son decades later when Abraham was 100.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS PROVIDER

Abraham and Isaac

Genesis 18; 21—22

Abraham waited 25 years for the birth of Isaac, the son God had promised him. Isaac was the fulfillment of God's promise, the son through whom Abraham's family was to be blessed. But later God tested Abraham by asking him to sacrifice Isaac. Abraham made the difficult choice to obey God, choosing God over Isaac. Abraham believed God would raise Isaac from the dead (Hebrews 11:19) if necessary in order to fulfill His promise about Isaac. But just before Abraham completed the sacrifice, God stopped him and provided a ram to sacrifice in Isaac's place. God provided.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90 years old when Isaac was born.
- Though God did not require Abraham to sacrifice his son, God did require that Abraham be obedient—even in the face of potential heartbreak.
- Abraham laid his son, Isaac, on the altar on Mt. Moriah. Many scholars believe that on this very spot 2,000 years later, God sacrificed His only Son, Jesus.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Get out some baby pictures of your children. Let them look through the pictures, and tell each child a little about the day they were born. Tell them about the excitement and anticipation that came with watching them be born and the love you felt for them before they were born. **Read Genesis 21:1—6** (**Fire Bible, p. 26*) and discuss how Abraham and Sarah must have felt when Isaac was finally born after many decades of hoping, praying, and waiting upon the Lord to fulfill His promise.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What happened that made Abraham and Sarah so excited?
- When have you seen God provide for you or your family?
- How can you show God that you believe He will provide for you in the future?

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

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
Psalm 90:2

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 is your Provider. May you trust in His provision and follow Him wherever He leads you.**

For more information about blessing your child, go to <https://trufirecurriculum.com>. And for more creative ideas on spiritually leading your family, visit HomeFrontMag.com.

