

## PONDER POINT: JESUS IS THE CENTER OF ALL THINGS

### Easter

Genesis—Revelation

### DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- God entered into covenants with Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David. He used these covenants in a process of progressively revealing Himself and His plan of redemption.
- These covenants laid the foundation for and help us understand the coming of the new covenant that began in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- The new covenant helped the people of God understand how the blessings of God promised in the Abrahamic and Davidic covenants would be experienced in everyday life.
- The only way for God to reconcile Himself to mankind was through His Son's death. It was God's perfect fulfillment of the promise of redemption He'd made in Genesis.

### CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Pull out some books and thumb through them with your children. Encourage each person to select one or two favorite stories. Talk about why those stories are favorites. Do the stories have fun characters, exciting settings, or interesting storylines? Which part of each story is the “center” of the story – the most important and exciting part? Then tell your kids that the Bible tells the best story of all: The Big God Story! The part of The Big God Story we're about to hear is the very center—the most exciting of the story. Read the biblical account of Jesus rising from the dead in **Luke 24:1–12** and discuss how Jesus died for your sins so you can be forgiven and have a relationship with God. Pray together and thank God for giving each of you a part in His big story.

*After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:*

- What did Jesus do to redeem the world?
- What is your favorite part of The Big God Story?
- How does it feel to know you're a part of The Big God Story?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about The Big God Story 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.*

**I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.**

John 11:25-26a

### Game: Whisper the Verse

#### SUPPLIES

- None

#### RELATE

Review the Remember Verse with your family a few times. Then, invite everyone to sit together in a circle. Whisper the first word of the Remember Verse to a student in the circle. The student must turn to the person on his right and whisper the word he just heard to her. That student will whisper it to the person on her right. Continue to whisper each word of the Remember Verse to the first person as soon as he has passed the word along to the person next to him. When you're finished saying the verse, see if the last person can repeat the verse out loud without making a mistake.

### 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 feel encouraged to know that you're a part of The Big God Story!**

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