

# PARENT GUIDE

## GOD IS ETERNAL

### BIG IDEA

God is Eternal

### FOCUS VERSE

“Your kingdom will continue forever. And you will be King from now on. The Lord will keep his promises. With love he takes care of all he has made.”

Psalms 145:13 (ICB)

**WEEK 1:** Samuel Points to our Eternal Priest (1 Samuel 2:18-26)

**WEEK 2:** Samuel Points to our Eternal Prophet (1 Samuel 3:1-21)

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**WEEK 4:** Samuel Points to our Eternal King (1 Samuel 16:1-13)

### PARENTS:

This month we continue our study of God’s attributes, focusing on God’s eternal nature. We teach this by examining Samuel’s life, whose roles as prophet, priest, and judge point us to Jesus, our eternal King. Please take time to lead your children in considering how Jesus is different from every other king and, as a result, why we should trust, worship, and follow Him alone.

### AT-HOME ACTIVITIES:

- Revelation 22:13 says, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” Explain that “the Alpha and Omega” is one of God’s names that tell us He is eternal. Then, make a paper chain together and write a different attribute of God on each link. Make “Alpha” the first link and “Omega” the last. Use the circle shapes to discuss how God has no beginning or end.
- This month’s theme may lead to conversations about heaven and eternity; for some, the thought of living forever creates anxiety. If that is the case for your child, take those fears seriously. Reassure your child that we are often afraid of things we don’t understand and we can’t comprehend eternity. Then focus on who God is – trustworthy, loving, etc. Encourage your child to think about how much God loves them whenever they feel afraid. Pray together, asking God to give your child peace.
- Are you celebrating someone’s birthday this month? Take the opportunity to discuss how God doesn’t have birthdays because He has always existed. We can’t count how old He is – He was never made! Allow this truth to amaze you and your child. There is no one like our God!

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