

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 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

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 you and will take care of you. May you know the saving gift of His Son Jesus.**

For more information about blessing your child, go to trumistry.com to the Parenting tab. And for more creative ideas on spiritually leading your family, visit HomeFrontMag.com.