

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 LEADS THE WAY

The People Enter the Promised Land

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?

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

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

Psalm 55:16

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 always hears you when you pray. He is always near, because He cares for you.**

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