

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 LISTENS TO US

The Sun Stands Still

Joshua 10

During a battle against the Amorite armies, Joshua asks God to make the sun stand still for a full day. God listens and delays nightfall so the Israelites can defeat their enemies.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS OUR WARRIOR

Gideon Is Called

Judges 6—7

The Israelites call out to God to save them from the Midianite oppressors, so God sends Gideon to lead them into battle.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- In Judges 6, the Israelites had once again turned from the one true God and sought fulfillment through the worship of false gods.
- Because of their disobedience, God permitted neighboring countries to overpower Israel. Each time the people attempted to plant crops, the Midianites and Amalekites swept in and destroyed what had been planted.
- Ironically, God chose to use a simple farmer to redeem Israel. Gideon wasn't trained in the military, and yet the angel of the Lord called him "mighty warrior."

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Read this portion of Scripture when it's dark outside. Tell your children that God had Gideon fight many of his battles at night when it was dark outside to make it harder to see. Then **read together Judges 7:1–8**. Talk about who really won the battle—the Israelites or God? Remind them that God is our Warrior and has the power to fight our battles for us.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What do you think it means that God is our Warrior?
- Have you ever needed God to help you with a hard situation? When?
- What are some ways you need God to fight for you this week?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Is Our Warrior 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 feel God's strength and know He is our Warrior. He will always be with 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.