

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

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Feast of Unleavened Bread: Remembering and Celebrating God as Redeemer

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS IN CHARGE

Rise and Fall of King Saul

1 Samuel 8—10; 15

God's people beg for a human king, and God grants them one even though He was enough for them.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- God is sovereign. Even not fully understanding the big picture of what God is doing, our job is still to obey.
- David is an example of one who chose to serve God with his whole heart. David gave God the glory and proved himself faithful. God blessed David by giving him the kingdom of Israel to rule.
- Saul was not such an obedient man. He, too, was given the opportunity to lead Israel, as their first king. Although he seemed to have a promising start, he didn't finish well.
- When God gives us opportunities to serve Him, we can learn from the responses of both David and Saul, and commit to follow the Lord faithfully.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

One night this week, take your children outside to look at the stars. Talk about how amazing it is that God created the heavens and the earth. He is in charge of it all—and He's in charge of our lives too! Go inside and sit together as you read about God choosing Saul to be king in **1 Samuel 9:14–17**. Share that later, Saul made some really bad choices and forgot that God was in charge. He stopped listening to and obeying God. Also **read 1 Samuel 15:10–11**. Talk about how important it is to listen to God and remember He is in charge.

After reading the Scripture passages, discuss these questions together:

- Whom did God choose to be the first king of Israel?
- Why did God regret making Saul king?
- Knowing God is in charge, how should we respond when He asks us to do something?

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

**The LORD your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.**
Zephaniah 3:17a

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 remember that God is in charge, and He knows what's best 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.