

**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 THE ONE TRUE GOD

#### The Fiery Furnace

Daniel 3:1–30

When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's golden statue, they are thrown in a fiery furnace. But God protects the men from the flames, proving that He is the one true God.

## WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

### PONDER POINT: GOD IS FAITHFUL

#### The Walls of Jerusalem Rebuilt

Nehemiah 1—4; 6—9

With God's help, Nehemiah leads God's people in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem.

## DID YOU KNOW?

*Share these facts to get the conversation started.*

- Nehemiah's people, the Israelites, had just experienced a devastating punishment at the hands of God. Babylon conquered Jerusalem and leveled it to the ground, and the people were taken captive for 70 years.
- When Cyrus the Persian conquered Babylon, God led him to allow the Israelites to return to their land—even paying their expenses (Isaiah 45:13). Their first task was to rebuild the temple.
- As God prompted Nehemiah to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls, both Nehemiah and the people learned that God is faithful.

## CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Read this part of The Big God Story in a favorite cozy area in your home. Once everyone is comfortable, ask your children what the word *faithful* means. If your children have a hard time answering, share an example of faithfulness. Then read **Nehemiah 1** together. As some of God's people were returning to their homeland after captivity in Babylon, Jerusalem's walls were still in ruins. Nehemiah was very upset when he heard this news. He realized he needed God's help to rebuild. Nehemiah knew God is faithful and he could look to Him.

*After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:*

- How did Nehemiah describe God in verse 5?
- What does it mean that God is faithful?
- How have you seen God's faithfulness in our family?

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

**I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever;  
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known  
through all generations.**

Psalm 89:1

## 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 trust in our faithful God who always does what He says He will do.**

For more information about blessing your child, go to [truministry.com](http://truministry.com) to the Parenting tab. And for more creative ideas on spiritually leading your family, visit [HomeFrontMag.com](http://HomeFrontMag.com).