

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 FAITHFUL

The Walls of Jerusalem Rebuilt

Nehemiah 1—4; 6—9

Following the Israelites' captivity, the walls of Jerusalem are still in ruins years after the Israelites are allowed to return to their homeland. God leads Nehemiah to return to Jerusalem and rally the people to rebuild the city walls.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS KING

The Triumphal Entry

Matthew 21:1–11

The people greet Jesus with praise as He rides into Jerusalem on a donkey.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The triumphal entry of King Jesus took place the Sunday before the crucifixion, shortly after He raised Lazarus from the dead.
- Even though Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was foretold by the prophets and pointed to the coming of the Messiah King, the manner in which He came was unexpected by the Jewish people of His day. They were expecting a mighty warrior, but instead Jesus came as a humble servant.
- There will come a day when Jesus will again ride into Jerusalem, clothed in regal splendor, riding on a white horse, and will enter victoriously into the city as the King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 19:11–16).

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

One night this week, have each family member sit on a coat as you read **Matthew 21:1–11**. Then discuss with your children some things associated with being a king—for instance, crowns, jewels, and thrones. Ask how that's different from what you just read about Jesus. Share with your children how Zechariah foretold that the Messiah King would enter the city exactly the way Jesus did that day. Discuss how Jesus will return one day as the King of all kings.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What does it mean that Jesus is King?
- What makes Jesus different from other kings?
- What can we learn from Jesus' example that day?
- How can we show that Jesus is our King?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how Jesus Is King 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 always remember Jesus is King over all the earth and the heavens. May you always remember His great love 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.