

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: JESUS IS THE GOOD NEWS

John the Baptist

Luke 3:1–20; Mark 1:1–8; Matthew 3:1–11

John the Baptist baptizes and preaches repentance to prepare the way for the Jesus, the Good News.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS WORTH FOLLOWING

Disciples Called to Serve

Luke 5:1–11

Jesus calls His first disciples.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Jesus is a rabbi worth following. In Jewish society, rabbis were held in high regard. This prestigious group of men was entrusted with the education of children.
- By the time a child was 10 years old, rabbinical students were expected to have Genesis through Deuteronomy memorized verbatim.
- A rabbi would accept a student as his disciple by saying, "Come, follow me."

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Play a game of reverse hide-and-seek with your kids. Have them find a hiding spot, and then tell them to listen for your voice. When they hear you calling them, have them run and see who can get to you first. Repeat, finding different hiding places each time. After playing, gather and read **Luke 5:1–11**, where Jesus called His disciples. Ask what it was about Jesus that made the apostles want to follow Him. Then discuss what it is about Jesus that makes your family want to follow Him today.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What do you think it was like to sit in the boat with Jesus?
- Why did Peter decide to follow Jesus?
- How can we follow Jesus?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how Jesus Is Worth Following 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.

Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.
Psalm 25:4

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 see how good and faithful God is. May you trust that He knows your path. May you follow Him all the days of your life.**

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.