

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 can help them prepare for next week by exploring the theme or Ponder Point and spending time together in GOD's Word.

✦ Ponder Point ✦

GOD protects

(David and Jonathan)

1 Samuel 18 - 20

REMEMBER VERSE

**In their hearts humans
plan their course,
but the LORD establishes
their steps**

Proverbs 16:9

DID YOU KNOW??

Share these facts to get the conversation started:

- Because he was King Saul's son, Jonathan - not David - was the heir to the throne.
- Jonathan humbly accepted that GOD had chosen David to be king instead and surrendered to His will.
- Jonathan and David had a very strong friendship. Jonathan made a covenant to always be David's friend, vowing to treat him as a brother.
- GOD used Jonathan to save and protect David while Saul threatened David's life.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Have each family member share who their best friend is and why. Ask each person to think carefully about why he/she loves that friend and what it is about that friend's character that makes them their a "best" friend. Next, tell your kids you're going to read about two best friends, David and Jonathan, in The Big GOD Story. Read **1 Samuel 20**. Afterward, ask your kids what Jonathan did to save David. Share with them that GOD used Jonathan to continue His plan to bring Jesus to earth through David's family line. Ask your children what this tells them about GOD.

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

- Why do you think GOD rejected Saul as king?
- What was GOD's greater purpose for Jonathan? For David?
- What do you think GOD's purpose for you might be in The Big GOD Story?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about **how GOD protects us** into your everyday life as a family.

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 be kept safe from all evil this week. May you know GOD is with you in times of danger and trust He is able to protect you.**

For more information about blessing your child, go to truministry.com to the Video Blog tab. And for more creative ideas on spiritually leading your family, visit HomeFrontMag.com