

**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.

## WHAT WE LEARNED THIS WEEK

### PONDER POINT: GOD IS LORD

#### Jacob and Esau

Genesis 25:19—34; 27

Rebekah gives birth to twins Jacob and Esau. The rivalry between the twins begins before they're even born. Later, when their father Isaac is on his deathbed, Jacob and his mother Rebekah plot to steal Esau's birthright.

### DID YOU KNOW?

*Share these facts to get the conversation started.*

- Each part of the Passover meal represents a part of telling the story of the Israelites' escape from Egypt.
- The Israelites celebrated seven annual feasts and festivals: Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, Festival of First Fruits, Feast of Harvest, Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Feast of Tabernacles (or Booths).
- During the feasts, the Israelites ate, danced, sang, played instruments, prayed, and offered sacrifices to God.

## CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Set aside an evening to remember and celebrate as a family. Hopefully this can become a fun tradition for your family. Just as the Israelite celebrations always revolved around a feast, create a fun feast for your family (e.g., eat ice cream, make milkshakes, get French fries, or build a fire and roast marshmallows in the backyard). Whatever you choose, do something special and spend the time remembering what God has done in the life of your family as well as in each of you individually over the past few weeks. **Read Psalm 100.**

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

- What has God done in our family recently?
- What have you heard God say to our family recently?
- How can we thank God for protecting us and providing for us?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God is deliverer 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 know that our God is mighty and powerful, and He fights for you. May you see God as your Deliverer in your life this week.**

For more information about blessing your child, talk to your ministry leader or see *Spiritual Parenting* by Michelle Anthony.