

**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 REDEEMS

#### Joseph (Part 1)

Genesis 37; 39—41

God saves Joseph through His power and plans. God redeems Joseph from slavery and prison and uses him to save the lives of many other people.

### DID YOU KNOW?

*Share these facts to get the conversation started.*

- Joseph's brother traveled to Egypt in search of grain during the great famine.
- Joseph's brothers didn't recognize him when they saw him.
- Joseph kept his identity hidden from his brothers and tested their motives before revealing himself.
- God worked through the difficulties of Joseph's life to ultimately save his family.

## CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Tell your children a story of how God used a difficult circumstance in your family for good. Then **read Genesis 42:1–20 and 45:1–15**. Explain to your children that this passage of Scripture describes another time God turned something hard and painful into something good. Ask your children if they want God to work through any difficult or discouraging situations in their own lives.

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

- Why did Joseph's brothers go to Egypt?
- How did Joseph's brothers react when he told them who he was?
- How has God saved you?

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

**Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.**  
Philippians 1:6

## 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 God loves you. He saved you. He protects you and will always be with you in difficult times.**

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