

**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 ✚

### **JESUS IS THE PROMISE** (Birth of Jesus)

**Matthew 1:1 - 16**

**Luke 2:1 - 20**

## REMEMBER VERSE

**Praise be to the LORD,  
The GOD of Israel,  
Because he has come  
To his people and  
Redeemed them.**

**Luke 1:68**

## DID YOU KNOW??

Share these facts to get the conversation started:

- GOD's first promise of Jesus occurred in the Garden of Eden, when He promised Eve that her offspring would bring redemption to mankind and crush death (**Genesis 3:15**).
- The Israelite people expected GOD to send the Redeemer in the form of a king who would come with a great show of power.
- Jesus was born humbly, with animals, in the seemingly insignificant, small town of Bethlehem.
- Jesus is the promise GOD gave us in the beginning. He is the One who is with us in our earthly distress and gives us eternal redemption.

## CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Grab a flashlight, bundle up, and go outside at night to read this part of The Big GOD Story. If it's too cold out, gather in a room with a window, where you can look at the stars. Share with your children that what you're about to read happened at night, while the shepherds watched their sheep in the fields. Then read **Luke 2:8-20**. Afterward, ask your children if they remember whom the angels said this "good news of great joy" was for. They said it was for all the people!

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

- What was the good news?
- How did Mary respond to the news the angels told the shepherds?
- How does this good news affect your life?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about **how Jesus is The Promise** 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 celebrate this week that Jesus is The Promise. May you know His great love for you.**

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