

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

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:16–20

Jesus meets the disciples on a mountain in Galilee and instructs them to spread His good news to all the nations of the world.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Feast of Tabernacles: Remembering and Celebrating God's Abundant Blessings

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The Israelites celebrated seven annual festivals: Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, Festival of First Fruits, Feast of Harvest, Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles (or Booths).
- During the festivals, the Israelites ate, danced, sang, played instruments, prayed, and offered sacrifices to God.
- God's people celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles with thanksgiving to remember God's many blessings. For seven days they lived in tents or temporary shelters they decorated with colorful ornaments.
- The New Testament significance of this feast reminds us that this life is temporary, and that our joy will be complete in our future home and inheritance with Jesus.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

This week, invite the whole family to build a simple tent together—a camping tent in the backyard or a blanket tent indoors. When finished, gather everyone inside to share a special snack or dessert as you remember and celebrate God's blessings—like God's people did when they celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles. Read **Deuteronomy 16:13–15**. Discuss how God has blessed your family. End by praying, thanking God for all His blessings. Rejoice that we have a future home with Jesus forever.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How did people celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles?
- What did God promise to the people when they celebrated this feast?
- How has God blessed you?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Made a 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 give thanks to the Lord because He is good.**

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.