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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 KNOWS ME Breakfast for Peter

John 21

Jesus performs a miraculous catch of fish and has breakfast with Peter and a few other disciples. While walking after breakfast, Peter confirms his love for Jesus, and Jesus reveals a special plan for Peter.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS THE WAY, PART I

The Ascension and Peter Proclaims the Gospel

Acts 1-2

Jesus ascends to heaven and sends the Holy Spirit to His disciples to help them share with the world that He is the way.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

• The book of Acts begins with a recap of Jesus' post-resurrection ministry to His followers. The fact that Jesus tarried on earth for 40 days to comfort and teach proves how much God wants everyone to know Him.

• Acts 1 and 2 also show us the fulfillment of God's promise to send a helper. Only in the power of the Holy Spirit does God intend for us to fulfill the Great Commission. The Holy Spirit prepares hearts to know God and draws them to Himself.

• As the disciples were praying on the day of Pentecost, three signs occurred: A sound like a rushing wind filled the room, what looked like flames of fire appeared above their heads, and they spoke in other languages.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Read together **Acts 2:1–7**. Imagine what it would've been like to be there that day: What would you see, smell, hear? Can you imagine people talking in so many different languages all at one time? Share with your child that the Holy Spirit gave Peter boldness. When he began telling the good news that God wants everyone to know Him, the people were really moved. Then read **Acts 2:36–47** and have a conversation about the Holy Spirit—who He is, what He does, etc.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together: • Who is the Holy Spirit and how can He help us?

- Who can accept Jesus to be the Lord and Savior of their life?
- Who can we share the good news of Jesus with?

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.

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.

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. Psalm 145:18

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 more of God's love each day. May you be a witness this week as you tell others that Jesus is the way to be with God forever.

For more information about blessing your child, go to <u>truministry.com</u> to the Parenting tab. And for more creative ideas on spiritually leading your family, visit <u>HomeFrontMag.com</u>.

