

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 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.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS THE WAY, PART II

Phillip and the Ethiopian Man

Acts 8

Phillip shares the good news with an Ethiopian man on a desert road.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- As the early church spread the good news about Jesus, they encountered great persecution. The church scattered but continued to preach the Word so others could know about Jesus.
- An angel led Phillip down a wilderness road to meet an Ethiopian eunuch, an important court official to the queen in Ethiopia. Phillip might have chosen not to share the good news with this man due to differences in ethnicity, social status, and his physical condition. But the Spirit revealed to Phillip that God wants everyone to know Him.
- Phillip shared the good news with the foreigner, baptized him, and fully accepted him into the faith community. We see one way in which God's plan for all of humankind to know Him was being fulfilled.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

This week encourage your children to notice the people around them. Ask: "Who did we see today?" Encourage them to share things they remembered that were unique about people. After they describe several people, ask: "What's one thing that's the same about all those people?" Share with them that God loves everyone no matter how different they are, and He wants everyone to know Him. Read together **Acts 8:26–35**. Share with them that the queen's official decided he wanted to know God after listening to Phillip talk about Jesus.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Who told Phillip to go speak to the queen's official?
- What did Phillip tell the Ethiopian?
- What is the good news about Jesus?

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 God loves you and sent Jesus to be the Way. May you know Him and share His love with others this week.**

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.