

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 REDEEMS

Paul's Conversion

Acts 9; 26

Saul meets Jesus on a road to Damascus. Jesus claims Saul as his own, redeems him, and changes his life.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS CHANGES LIVES

Paul and Silas in Prison

Acts 16:16–40

Paul and Silas sing hymns of praise to God in prison. A massive earthquake loosens the chains from the prisoners' feet, and opens the prison doors. Paul reassures the jailer that the prisoners have not escaped and the jailer, relieved, devotes his life to Jesus.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- God often uses the lives of His people, directed by the Holy Spirit, to impact and change lives. Paul and Silas were called to proclaim the good news.
- While traveling in Philippi, they were seized and publicly accused of introducing unlawful customs to the people.
- As Roman citizens, Paul and Silas had rights that they temporarily laid aside to see what God would do. They could be joyful even in the darkest of prisons because their identity didn't depend on their circumstances, but rather on their identity in Christ.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

This week sing praise songs with your children. You may choose to sing together in the car or have a praise party at home one night after dinner. After your family worship time, tell your children you're going to read a part of The Big God Story where some people praised God, even in some really difficult circumstances. Read together **Acts 16:25–34**. Discuss how the jailer's life was changed. Share with your children how believing in Jesus has changed your life.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What were Paul and Silas doing while they were in prison?
- How did their singing affect their circumstances and the people around them?
- What did the guard ask Paul and Silas?
- How can Jesus change our lives?

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.

**I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I have set my heart on your laws.**
Psalm 119:30

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 the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust Him with your life. May you walk closely with Him all the days of your life.**

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.