

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 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.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS THE KING OF KINGS

Jesus Returns

John 14:1–3; Acts 1:9–11; 1 Thessalonians 4:15–16; Revelations 22:1–5

Jesus will return and bring with him an age without sin, sadness, or sickness. Believers will be taken to live in God's presence forever.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The New Testament apostles and believers likely believed that Jesus would return within their lifetimes.
- Although the Revelation of John is a book that can be challenging to understand without a solid grounding in the Old Testament, the ultimate purpose is clear. Christ will return in power, and believers will live in God's presence forever.
- For those who trust in Christ, the end times should not be cause for worry, but a reminder to joyfully anticipate the coming of the King who will set all things right.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Invite a special friend or family member to join you for dinner. Encourage your children to help with the tasks involved in getting the house ready for a guest (setting the table, cleaning, shopping for food, etc.). Read **John 14:1–3**. Jesus told the disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them to be with Him forever. Ask your children what they think this place might be like. Pray, thanking God for the place that is being prepared for followers of Jesus.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What will be my favorite thing about heaven?
- What will it be like to live with Jesus forever?
- How can I spread the good news of Jesus to others?

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 you rest in the promise that Jesus is the King of Kings! May you know Jesus is preparing a place for you and He is coming again.**

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.