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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: GOD IS A PROMISE KEEPER

Noah and the Flood

Genesis 6-9:17

God entrusts Noah with maintaining the future of humanity after He sends a flood to wipe out all life. God then placed a rainbow in the sky as a reminder of His covenant with Noah and all living creatures—He would never again destroy all life with a flood.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD LOVES FAITH

Abraham

Genesis 12:1-7; 15; 17:1-8; Hebrews 11:8-10

Abraham trusted God and left his home for a new land. Because of his faith, God chose to make a covenant with Abraham. Through this covenant, Abraham was the father of the holy nation of Israel.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Faith is a combination of believing and action. Without faith, it's impossible to please God.
- God promised to bless Abraham and to make him the father of many nations, despite the fact that Abraham and his wife were advanced in years and had no children.
- Abraham chose to have faith in God's promises, and that faith was credited to him as righteousness.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Have your children sit in a circle and close their eyes. Then take a few familiar objects (books, toys, fruit, candy, etc.) and place them in their hands. See if they can guess what each item is by touching it. Once you've given them time to tell you what each object is, ask how they knew what it was without seeing it. Then read **Hebrews 11:1–3**. Discuss that "faith" means believing without seeing.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How do you think Abraham felt when God chose to make these promises to him?
- How would you feel if God asked you to leave your home and follow Him to a new and different land?
- What are some ways you can show your faith in God?

Extend these questions into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God loves faith 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 plans of the LORD stand firm forever,
The purposes of his heart through all generations.
Psalm 33:11

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 trust in the Lord with all your heart. He is faithful and will keep His promises for all time. (Reference Deuteronomy 7:9)

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>.