

**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 BLESSES

#### Ruth

Ruth 1—4

Ruth made the choice to follow the God of Israel and serve Him. While caring for her mother-in-law, Naomi, Ruth made a lasting impression on Boaz. Ruth and Boaz were both used by God to bless each other and their families.

## WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

### PONDER POINT: GOD IS WITH US

#### Call of Samuel

1 Samuel 3

Although young Samuel served God in the house of worship, he didn't know God's voice. One night, God called him by name and Samuel listened. As Samuel grew up, God was with him and he served God as a leader of Israel.

## DID YOU KNOW?

*Share these facts to get the conversation started.*

- After many years of the Israelites' disobedience, God removed His voice from the people of Israel, and there was no biblical record of Him speaking through His prophets.
- When he was still a young boy, Samuel heard God's voice and began to impart God's words to the people of Israel.
- As he grew, Samuel continued to lead God's people and speak His words to them.

## CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Read this part of The Big God Story before bedtime. Be silent for one minute and listen to the noises of the night. Then discuss together what you heard. Share with your children that you're going to read about Samuel and how he was sleeping when God called to him. Read **1 Samuel 3:1–10**. Pray together. Ask God to help each member of your family respond in the same way when God calls them.

*After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:*

- What do you think it was like for Samuel to hear God's voice?
- How can we know that God is with us today?
- How can we serve those around us?

Extend these questions into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God is with us 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.*

**For what you have done I will always praise you in the presence of your faithful people. And I will hope in your name, for your name is good.**

Psalm 52:9

## 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 Lord be with you as you grow up. May you listen for God's voice and run to serve Him and others.**

For more information about blessing your child, go to [truministry.com](http://truministry.com) to the Parenting tab. And for more creative ideas on spiritually leading your family, visit [HomeFrontMag.com](http://HomeFrontMag.com).