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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

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Festival of First Fruits: Remembering and Celebrating God as Trustworthy

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD CARES

Food for Elijah

1 Kings 17

God showed His care for Elijah by sending ravens and a woman to care for him. God also used Elijah to perform a miracle and care for the woman and her son.

DID YOU KNOW?

• At this time in history the king of Israel, Ahab, was married to Jezebel, daughter of the Sidonian king and priestess of Baal.

• Ahab, encouraged by Jezebel, built a temple to Baal and had many prophets of God killed.

• Elijah confronted the worship of false gods by declaring a drought. It was during this drought that God ministered to him by using the ravens and the widow.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Serve only bread, meat, and water at dinner. When your children ask why, explain that you're going to read a part of The Big God Story where God took care of a man by feeding him like this. (Feel free to add fruits and veggies after you've made this important point.) Read **1 Kings 17:2–16**.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What do you think it would be like to be fed by birds?
- Who has God placed in your life to care for you?
- How can you care for others?

Extend these questions into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Cares 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.

Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced. 1 Chronicles 16:11–12

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 and love our God who leads us, calls us, finds us, protects us, and cares for us.

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>.

