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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 GRACIOUS

Jonah Flees

Jonah 1—4

Jonah fled from God and got swallowed by a large fish. Jonah repented and God was gracious and gave him another chance.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS RIGHTEOUS

Josiah

2 Chronicles 34; 2 Kings 22

After many years of unrighteous rulers over the kingdom of Judah, young Josiah took the throne. At the age of 16, he made a commitment to follow the one true God and restore the temple. He led the Israelites to turn back to the Lord and follow His Word.

DID YOU KNOW?

• Josiah took the throne when he was only eight years old!

- Though we don't know the details of how he started his walk with the Lord, Scripture tells us that at the age of 16, Josiah made a definite commitment to follow God.
- God is righteous. His judgment of the Israelites for their idolatry resulted in them losing their land and being taken captive in Babylon.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Gather your family and read **2 Chronicles 34:29–32** together. When you're finished, provide a dress-up crown or king's cloak for your children. Roll up a piece of paper for a "scroll." Encourage them to take turns recreating the reading of God's Word from the scroll that was found during the temple restoration.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How do you think the people of Israel felt after Josiah read the scroll?
- What do you think God did after the people repented?
- Pray together, thanking God that He always does what is right.

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

As for me, I call to God, and the Lord saves me. Psalm 55:16

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), give thanks to the Lord because of His righteousness. May you sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High.

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>.

