

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 TRUSTWORTHY

Esther Part I

Esther 1—4

Esther was chosen to be queen of Persia. She learned that Haman, the king's prime minister, was plotting to have the Jewish people killed. Esther needed to trust God to show her how to help her people.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Feast of Harvest: Remembering and Celebrating God's Abundant Provision

DID YOU KNOW?

- There are seven festivals that were celebrated by the Israelite people: Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, Festival of First Fruits, Feast of Harvest, Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles (or Booths).
- During the feasts, the Israelites ate, danced, sang, played instruments, prayed, and offered sacrifices to God.
- The Feast of Harvest corresponded with the harvest season. It was a time when the Israelites remembered the ways that God provided for them, both physically and spiritually. It recognized when God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai.
- In the New Testament, the Feast of Harvest was marked with a great harvest of three thousand souls by the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, who continues to harvest souls today.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Take a few moments around the dinner table to remember and celebrate all that God has done in your family. Thank Him for the many things we often expect or take for granted, such as food, clothing, and a roof over our heads. Remind your children that everything we have comes from God. Read **Psalm 100** aloud, and then work together to list some specific things you're all thankful for. Remind your children that this week at church they'll have the opportunity to remember and celebrate all that God has done with a special service set aside to worship God for His abundant provision in our lives.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What does it mean that God provides "abundantly"?
- Was there a time when you think God provided abundantly for you or our family?
- How can you respond to God's blessing in your life?

Extend these questions into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Provides into your everyday life as a family.

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 always praise God, your provider.**

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.