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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

Feast of Trumpets: Remembering and Celebrating God's Faithfulness

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS INVITES US TO FOLLOW HIM Call of the Twelve

John 1:35-51

Jesus came into town after spending time with God the Father in the desert. John the Baptist saw Jesus and told his friends He was the promised Savior. Jesus invited these men to come and follow Him.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Jesus gave gifts of time, love, and truth to the 12 men He chose as His disciples
- For three years, Jesus invested heavily in the lives of His disciples. He did this so they might truly know Him and spread the good news.
- Jesus invites us to follow Him by building a relationship with us that will allow us to change the world for the sake of His name.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Have your children follow you around the house or outdoors. Be creative. Run, jump, and spin as they follow. Share that you're going to read a part of The Big God Story where Jesus called His disciples to follow Him. **Read John 1:35–51**. Ask your children, "What would you do if Jesus asked you to follow Him like He asked Philip?" Discuss what would be hard and all the rewards that would come with being able to walk and talk with Jesus every day.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Does it make God happy when we choose to follow Him?
- Remind your children that Jesus asks us to follow Him and ask if they've made the choice to follow Jesus.
- Share with them that the Bible is filled with many ways we can follow Jesus and be more like Him.

Extend these questions into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about Following Jesus 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.

May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant. Psalm 119:76

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 hear God's voice this week and follow Him with all your heart.

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>.

