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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: 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.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS AWESOME

Royal Official's Son

John 4:43–54

Jesus helped a royal official whose son was very sick and about to die. Jesus knew what the boy needed in order to be healed without even going to see him. Without being present, Jesus spoke and the boy was healed.

DID YOU KNOW?

• The healing of the royal official's son was one of the signs that proved Jesus' deity.

• Jesus was not physically present with the boy but just spoke the words and healed him of his illness.

• After this miracle, the official and his entire household became followers of Jesus.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Keep paper and a pencil on the table. During each meal throughout the week, make a list of things your family thinks is awesome. At the end of the week, read aloud your family's "awesome" list. Share with your children that Jesus is the most awesome of all. Read **John 4:43–54**. Ask your children what this portion of Scripture tells them about Jesus. Point out to them that the official's son was healed at the exact moment that Jesus said he would be. Now that's truly awesome!

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How was Jesus able to heal the boy, even though He wasn't there with him?
- How do you think the royal official felt when his son was healed?
- Has there been a time that you've realized how awesome Jesus is?

Extend these questions into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how Jesus Is Awesome 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 know that Jesus is awesome. May this truth be something that's always in your mind.

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>.

