

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 MIGHTY

Red Sea Crossing

Exodus 14:13—15:21

God delivered His people from Egypt. As they fled, God used Moses to part the Red Sea, allowing the Israelites to pass safely.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS WITH ME

Pillars of Fire and Cloud

Exodus 13:21—22; 14:19—24; 33:9—10; Numbers 14:14

God led the Israelites through the desert. A pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night guided them where to travel.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- *Theophany* is a term for the manifestation of God in a way that's tangible to the human senses.
- God made His presence known to the Israelites in a pillar of fire and a pillar of cloud. This pillar was a physical representation of the presence of God with the Israelites.
- When the pillar of cloud moved and stood between God's people and the pursuing Egyptians, it appeared as darkness to the Egyptians but as light to the Israelites (Exodus 14:20).

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

If weather permits, spend some time outside with your children. Grab a blanket, lie on your back, and gaze up at the clouds for a few minutes. If going outside isn't an option, get cozy with your child in front of the fireplace. Read the biblical account of the pillars of fire and cloud in **Exodus 14:19–24**. Ask your children to share thoughts and questions about what they just heard. Remind them that the same God who was in the pillars of fire and cloud is with them every day.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Who was in the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire?
- How did God protect the Israelites?
- How can you know that God is with you?

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

No one is like you, LORD, you are great, and your name is mighty in power.
Jeremiah 10:6

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 how great is God's love for you. May you know that He is with you always, and that He will never leave you.**

For more information about blessing your child, talk to your ministry leader or see *Spiritual Parenting* by Michelle Anthony.