

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 IS THE PROMISE

Christ's Birth

Luke 2:8–20

While some shepherds were watching over their sheep one night, an angel appeared to them to announce that Jesus, The Promise, had been born in Bethlehem. Soon, a large crowd of angels also appeared, singing praise to God. The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem to worship Jesus, and then told everyone they met about birth of The Promise.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD LEADS

Magi

Matthew 2:1–12

The magi follow the star to find Jesus.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Though not much is known about the magi, it's clear they were a group of men who put their trust in the signs and wonders of the one true God.
- It took the magi several months to make their journey to find and worship Jesus.
- Scripture tells us the star the magi followed moved as the men traveled. Each movement of the star brought them closer to their anticipated destination.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Create a setting for your children to help them engage with the passage they're about to hear. **Read Matthew 2:1–2 and 9–11.** Talk as a family about the precious gifts the wise men brought to Jesus as a way of worshipping Him. Ask if your children would like to give a gift as a way of worshipping Jesus. Help them select one of their own books, or pick out a new one together, for them to give to children in need as an act of worship.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How did the wise men find Jesus?
- How do you think they felt when they saw Jesus for the first time?
- What can you do to worship Jesus?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Leads 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.

**Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has
come to his people and redeemed them.
Luke 1:68**

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 God show you the path to Jesus and lead you every day.**

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