

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 LEADS

Magi

Matthew 2:1–12

Wise men, or magi, from the East saw a new star in the sky—one God had placed in the heavens to mark the birth of His Son. God used this star to lead the magi to worship Jesus.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Festival of First Fruits: Celebrating God as Trustworthy

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- 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.
- In the New Testament, the Festival of First Fruits was fulfilled by the resurrection of the Messiah.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Sometime this week, set aside an evening to remember and celebrate as a family. Just as the Israelite celebrations revolved around a feast, create a "feast" for your family: eat ice cream, make milkshakes, get french fries, build a fire and roast marshmallows in the backyard. **Read Psalm 65.** Spend some time remembering what God has done in the life of your family.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What are some of the ways God has blessed our family?
- What are you most thankful for?
- How can we show our thankfulness to God?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Is Trustworthy 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 trust that God is good and that He loves you. He will always take care of you.**

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