

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 PROVIDER

Feeding the Five Thousand

Matthew 14:13–21; Mark 6:30–44; Luke 9:10–17; John 6:1–15

Jesus taught a large crowd for many hours, and soon everyone was hungry. The disciples were unsure of what to do for the people, but Jesus performed a miracle and multiplied five loaves and two fish to feed the crowd. God provided for the people both spiritually and physically.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS POWERFUL

Healing the Blind Man

John 9:1–12

Jesus heals a blind man by putting mud over the man's eyes.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- In Jewish culture of the time, working life most often consisted of fishing, shepherding, farming, carpentry, masonry, pottery-making, and hide tanning. Any of these trades would be very difficult to perform without the ability to see.
- The testimony of the blind man's neighbors indicates that this man couldn't practice a trade. Instead, he sat and begged.
- Jesus healed the man from blindness on the Sabbath, and according to Jewish law, work wasn't permitted on this day. As a result, Jesus, in the eyes of these religious leaders, was in violation of the law and subject to punishment.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

This week, blindfold your children and challenge them to try eating their dinner without being able to see it. (If eating all of dinner blindfolded is going to be too messy, try waiting until they're on their last few bites.) Once you've eaten, take the blindfold off and together **read John 9:1–12**. Talk about what it must have been like for this man to be blind. Encourage them to think about how amazing it must have been for him to see after being blind his whole life. Thank God that He is a God who heals!

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How do you think the man felt when he saw his friends and family for the first time?
- How do you think he felt when he saw Jesus?
- What are some ways you've seen God's power in your life or in the life of our family?

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

**Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit.
Psalm 147:5**

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 see God's power each day of your life.**

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