

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 POWERFUL

Healing the Blind Man

John 9:1–12

When Jesus and his disciples came upon a man who had been blind from birth, Jesus spit in the dirt and made some mud to put on the man's eyes. After washing off the mud, the man found that Jesus had restored His sight. He became a living testimony to God's power.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE

Day of Atonement: A Festival Celebrating God's Righteousness

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.
- The Day of Atonement celebrated God's righteousness. It was a reflective and often solemn festival that consisted of fasting, prayer, and repentance.
- The New Testament significance of the Day of Atonement lies in Christ, our High Priest, who shed His blood once and for all to make atonement for our sins before God.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Set aside an evening to remember and celebrate with a fun family dinner. Choose a favorite meal (pizza, mac & cheese, or another family tradition) and enlist everyone to help prepare it. When you sit down to eat, spend time remembering what God has done in your lives, and how you've seen God work in the lives of your friends. **Read Psalm 16:9–11** together.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How does God show us His love?
- How can we show our thankfulness to God for His love?
- What are some things about God we can remember and celebrate this week?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about God's righteousness 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 remember how much God loves you, and may you celebrate the many blessings He has given you.**

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