

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 WANTS EVERYONE TO BE PART OF HIS FAMILY, PART 1

Lost Sheep, Coin, and Son

Matthew 18:10–14; Luke 15:1–7

Jesus tells three stories, or parables, to illustrate that God rejoices every time someone who is lost is found. Because of our sin, we are all lost until we choose to believe in and follow Jesus.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD WANTS EVERYONE TO BE PART OF HIS FAMILY, PART 2

Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1–10

In this passage, a tax collector named Zacchaeus meets Jesus.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Zacchaeus found something so compelling about Christ that he sprinted ahead of the crowd, climbed a tree, and watched as Jesus passed.
- Zacchaeus broke social parameters to see Jesus. He was willing to potentially humiliate himself just to get a brief glimpse of Jesus.
- When Jesus showed Zacchaeus God's true, unconditional love, his whole life was changed. The power of God's love healed his very soul.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Take your children outside where you can find some trees. Read the biblical account of Zacchaeus in **Luke 19:1–10**. Give your children a fresh perspective—if possible, assist your child in climbing to a low branch and hold her there so she can see from a higher view (or hoist her onto your shoulders). Discuss what Jesus' response to Zacchaeus was, and remind her that God wants everyone to be part of His family.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How was Zacchaeus's life changed when he met Jesus?
- How can we become part of God's family?
- What do you think is the best part of being part of God's family?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Wants Everyone to Be Part of His Family 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.

**Your Father knows what you need
before you ask him.**
Matthew 6:8b

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 receive God's love and choose to be part of His wonderful family.**

For more information about blessing your child, go to truministry.com to the Parenting tab. And for more creative ideas on spiritually leading your family, visit HomeFrontMag.com.