

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 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 2

Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1–10

In this passage, a tax collector named Zacchaeus hears Jesus is in town and wants to see Him. Zacchaeus can't see over the crowd, so he climbs a tree in hopes of glimpsing the Savior. Jesus sees Zacchaeus and then goes home with him for the day, changing Zacchaeus's sinful life forever.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Feast of Tabernacles: Remembering and Celebrating God's Abundant Blessings

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 Feast of Tabernacles was a time of thanksgiving to remember God's blessings in the wilderness as well as His continued blessings.
- The New Testament significance of the Feast of Tabernacles is that it begins the journey to our future home and inheritance with Jesus.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

During mealtime this week, ask your children to think about some things they know to be true about God (e.g., His love, His mercy, His righteousness). Go around the table and encourage each person to share. Talk about the festivals God's people celebrated in the Bible, and how they spent time remembering and celebrating God's goodness. One way the Israelites remembered was by thanking God for His many blessings. **Read Psalm 95:1–7a.** After reading, spend some time as a family praying and thanking God for His goodness, His everlasting grace, and for the ways He has blessed your family.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Are there areas of your life where you need to ask God's forgiveness?
- How can we show our thankfulness to God for sending Jesus so we can be forgiven?
- What are some things 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 Abundant Blessings 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 be filled to the brim with the riches of God's love and blessing.**

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.