

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: JESUS IS WORTH FOLLOWING

Disciples Called to Serve

Luke 5:1–11

After Jesus teaches a crowd from the boat of some fishermen, He performs a miracle and provides a spectacular catch of fish. He then invites the fishermen to follow Him and learn from Him.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS TELLS US HOW TO LOVE

The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25–37

Jesus tells the story about a how a Samaritan man showed love to a stranger.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Samaritans were a mixed culture—Jewish and Gentile. As a result, the Jewish community viewed Samaritans as unclean, and the two didn't interact (John 4:9).
- To cast the Samaritan as the hero in the story, as Jesus did, would've made His point about the nature of God's mercy even more dramatic.
- Jesus was calling the Jewish people to love others radically, leaving behind their preconceived ideas and misconceptions, in order to glorify His kingdom.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Read the account of the Good Samaritan in **Luke 10:25–37**, then act it out. Have one person lie down pretending to be injured with family members walking by and ignoring him. Then choose someone to play the Good Samaritan, who stops to help. When you're finished acting out this part of The Big God Story, ask which of the three they think showed love. Talk about how the Samaritan showed love. Discuss some ways you can show love to others as a family.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How might God want us to show love to people in our family?
- How might God want us to show love to people in our neighborhood?
- How can we show God how much we love Him?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how Jesus Tells Us How to Love 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.

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

Ephesians 1:4

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 the Holy Spirit help you love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind. May God give you eyes to see when and how you can love your neighbors. May you be filled with joy as you do all these things.**

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.