

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 TELLS US HOW TO LOVE

The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25–37

To illustrate how to love others, Jesus shares a parable about the Samaritan man who helped an injured stranger.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD KNOWS WHAT WE NEED

Healing of Man Lowered through Roof

Mark 2:1–12

A group of friends bring a paralyzed man to Jesus for healing.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Jewish doctrine taught that sickness and sin were interconnected.
- Jesus proved His authority and ability to forgive sins when He said the words, "Your sins are forgiven." Immediately after speaking these words to the paralytic man, Jesus told him to get up and walk.
- This action confirmed the deity of Jesus by giving physical proof that He was—and is—able to forgive sins and heal the physical body.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Before you read this part of The Big God Story, talk with your children about what it means to be paralyzed. See how long they can lie perfectly still without moving. Explain to them that what you're about to read is true and from the Bible. Read **Mark 2:1–12**. Ask your children what stood out to them. Ask them why they think Jesus forgave the man before He healed his body. Pray together, thanking God that because of Jesus, our sins can be forgiven.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What were the two things Jesus knew the paralyzed man needed? How did He know that?
- How do you think the man felt when Jesus healed him?
- How can we thank God for knowing what we need?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Knows What We Need 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 you always believe that God knows what you need. May you always go to Him for peace and comfort.**

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.