

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 KNOWS WHAT WE NEED

Healing of Man Lowered through Roof

Mark 2:1–12

Some men bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus for healing. But before Jesus heals the man, He demonstrates that He is God and knows what we need by forgiving the man's sins.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS SEES FAITH

Faith of the Centurion

Matthew 8:5–13

Jesus heals the servant of a Roman officer who demonstrates great faith.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Commentators believe that the Roman officer in Matthew 8 was highly respected by the people of Capernaum.
- In the original Greek language, the word for "astonished" is *thauma*—"a wonderful thing, a marvel, or causes one to wonder exceedingly."
- Because of the Centurion's conviction and trust in Jesus' power and ability, his servant was healed at that very moment.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

This week, plan to go for a walk somewhere with your family. Ask, "If you ran into Jesus while you were walking, what do you think you would say to Him?" When you arrive at your destination, read **Matthew 8:5–10**. Explain to your children that the Roman officer came to Jesus while He was walking. The Centurion showed "astonishing" faith when he asked Jesus to come heal his servant. Discuss with your children the ways your family can show their faith in Jesus.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What did the Centurion do that amazed Jesus?
- How did the Centurion show his faith in Jesus?
- How might God want us to show faith in Him this week?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how Jesus Sees Faith 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 know how much Jesus loves you. May you have faith that Jesus will do what He promises.**

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.