

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 MERCIFUL

Ten Lepers

Luke 17:11–19

Jesus shows mercy and heals 10 lepers.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS LOVES ME

Children Welcomed

Matthew 19:13–15

When children were brought before Jesus, the disciples turned them away. Jesus welcomed and blessed them.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Vulnerability and dependency were not qualities to admire in the Israel of the first century. In Matthew 18, Jesus praises children for their utmost humility, using them as the ideal example of the citizens of His kingdom.
- To the Israelites, blessings weren't merely prayers. They were highly spiritual moments where an elder, father, or spiritual leader would lay hands on and speak prophetic words of truth over the life of an individual.
- Despite their lowly position in society, blessing children was highly valued. Receiving a blessing was often one of the most sought-after and memorable moments of a child's life.
- Jesus loves the heart of a child. Children's dependent nature is a good and beneficial quality, showing how we are to interact with God: as a Father.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

One night this week after dinner, gather your family together and read **Matthew 18:1–5 and 19:13–15**. Ask your children why they think Jesus would tell people they needed to be like little children. In what ways? Then ask why they think the disciples didn't want the children to bother Jesus. Discuss Jesus' response. Remind your children that what they just heard was from The Big God Story. They'll learn more in church this week about how much Jesus loves them.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Who did Jesus say was the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
- What do you think it would be like to have Jesus put His hands on you and pray for you?
- What do these verses tell us about Jesus?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Made a Promise 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.

**As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.
Now remain in my love.
John 15:9**

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 grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.**

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