

HomeFront 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: THE FATHER HAS BIG PLANS FOR JESUS

Jesus' Ministry

Mark 1; Luke 4

Before Jesus begins His ministry, the Holy Spirit leads Him into the desert for 40 days of solitude. When Jesus returns, John the Baptist baptizes him. Throughout His ministry, Jesus seeks time alone with God so He is equipped to follow God's plans for Him.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS CALLS HIS DISCIPLES

Apostles

Luke 5:1–11

Jesus chose 12 disciples as part of God's big plan for the world.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Typically, rabbis would choose their followers (disciples) very carefully. Potential followers would go through years of training and prove themselves to be the best of the best.
- It's very possible the fishermen Jesus pursued had been rejected by other rabbis.
- Jesus spent three years mentoring and living life with the disciples.
- Jesus used his relationship with the disciples as a model for the close relationship He wants each of us to have with Him.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Create a setting for your children that will help them engage with the passage they're about to hear. This part of The Big God Story takes place in a boat. Try reading this passage to your kids during bath time. If you have any boats or toy fish, let your children play with those before you read the passage. **Read Luke 5:1–11.** Allow your children time to ask questions about the passage.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What were the disciples doing before Jesus called them?
- How can I know God better?
- How can I be more like Jesus?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how Jesus Calls His Disciples 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.

Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life.

John 5:24a

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 follow Jesus wherever He calls you.**

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.