

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 IS LOVE, PART 2

Church in Antioch

Acts 11:19–30

When prophets warned the church in Antioch of an upcoming famine, the church showed God's love by sending money to the elders of the church in Jerusalem. This money would serve the needs of the churches in the whole affected area during the impending food shortage.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD RESPONDS

Peter Freed from Prison

Acts 12:1–19

Peter is thrown into prison, but God responds and miraculously frees him.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The political climate in Judea during the time of the early church was precarious. King Herod viewed the apostolic leaders as a threat and took measures to destroy further growth of the church.
- Herod began by killing the apostle James (brother of John) in what appeared to be a systematic plan to eliminate the remaining apostles. Shortly after James' death, Peter was seized and imprisoned.
- Four sets of four soldiers were placed as guards for this one man in the jail.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Gather your family together in the main room of your home for this part of The Big God Story. Tell your children you're going to read about a time when people gathered in a home to pray. Then **read Acts 12:5–14**. Encourage your children to share anything they'd like your family to pray for. Start by thanking God for who He is before spending time huddled together praying for your requests. You might want to keep a list of your prayer requests and update each other when one of these prayers has been answered.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How do you think the people felt as they prayed together for Peter?
- How do you think Peter felt when he knew God had rescued him?
- What would you like to pray for?

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

**See what great love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God!**

1 John 3:1a

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 talk to God often and always trust that He will respond.**

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.