

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 LISTENS

Prayer

Matthew 6:5–13; Luke 11:1–13

Jesus disciples ask Him to teach them to pray, and Jesus gives them an example to follow. We can pray this prayer too with the confidence that God listens.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS GENEROUS

Giving as Worship

Luke 21:1–4; Matthew 6:19–21; 2 Corinthians 9:7

God is generous to us so we can be generous to others.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- In the Old Testament, the people requested what amount they should give as a portion of the first fruits.
- The tithe, or tenth, was established as a percentage the people were to offer to the Lord. This tenth was to be the first 10 percent of all income.
- Although a tithe, or tenth, is not mentioned in the New Testament, the offerings of first fruits and stories of generosity are recurring themes.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Read through some biblical examples of giving as worship in **Luke 21:1–4** and **Matthew 6:19–21**. Discuss what it means to give sacrificially (giving that costs you something, not just giving what is extra). Then, provide an opportunity for your children to give as a way to thank God for His generosity to them. Pray and wait with them as they consider what they have to give (toys, video games, clothes, etc.). Ask them to select an item they feel God wants them to give away. When they come to church this week, have them bring the item. They'll have a chance to offer God the items that will then be given to children in need.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How has God been generous to me?
- How can I give to God?
- What are some things I can give to others?

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

**Your Father knows what you need
before you ask him.**
Matthew 6:8b

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 see the ways God has given generously to you. May He fill your heart with generosity toward others.**

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.