

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 BLESSES US WITH HIS PRESENCE

The Ark Brought to Jerusalem

2 Samuel 6; Psalm 132

The Philistines had captured the ark of the covenant, but it was finally returned to God's people. The ark represented God's presence with His people, so there was much celebration when the ark was eventually brought to its new home in Jerusalem.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS SO GOOD

David's Plans for the Temple

2 Samuel 7; Psalm 30

David plans to build a temple where the people can worship God, but God gives David a gift instead.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- David wanted to build a temple for the Lord. But God had a different plan. He promised to build David a dynasty through David's descendants that would last forever.
- God's plan for David was greater than David could have ever imagined. Through David's lineage came the Savior, Jesus.
- Jesus is the atonement for the sin of the world, allowing us to live in a restored relationship with God. It's through Him that all who believe will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

This week, ask your children to explain to you why they love their home. Then go to your favorite place inside your home to read **2 Samuel 7:1–11** together. King David wanted to build a home for God. Ask children if they think God has just one home. Then explain that God doesn't live in a home because He lives with us and is present in all places all the time.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- When we say, "God is so good," what does that mean?
- How was God good to David?
- How has God been good to you?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Is So Good 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 the LORD is good and his love endures forever.
Psalm 100:5a

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 praise our good God who saves you, who heals you, and who helps 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.