

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 STRONG

David Is Anointed and Faces the Giant

1 Samuel 16—17

David, King Saul's anointed successor, defeats a Philistine giant named Goliath through God's strength—using only a sling and stone.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Festival of First Fruits: Remembering and Celebrating God as Trustworthy

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- There are seven festivals that were celebrated by the Israelite people: Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Festival of First Fruits, the Feast of Harvest, the Feast of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles (or Booths).
- First Fruits represents the celebration of the first grain harvest of the spring and the trustworthiness of God.
- In the New Testament, Jesus was resurrected as the "first fruits" offering on Sunday, the day after Passover Sabbath, providing a way for the resurrection of all believers.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

This week, create an additional "special" act of service or household responsibility for your children. When they're finished, give them a small amount of money, over and above any normal allowance. Sit and talk about giving their best to God, and encourage them to consider giving a portion of their earnings to God as an act of worship. Then read **Psalm 85:7–12**. Remind your children that everything we have comes from God. Pray with them, thanking God that He is trustworthy to continually provide for all our needs.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What are some of the things this passage says about God?
- What is one of your favorite things about God?
- How can we be sure to remember and celebrate at home the things God has done for us?

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

**The LORD your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.**
Zephaniah 3:17a

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), **the Lord, the Most High God, is with you and loves 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.