

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 OUR SHEPHERD AND KING

David Crowned King

2 Samuel 5; Psalm 23

God crowns David, a shepherd, as king of God's people. He charges David to lead the people in a way that illustrates how God is our true Shepherd and King.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD BLESSES US WITH HIS PRESENCE

The Ark Brought to Jerusalem

2 Samuel 6; Psalm 132

Years after the Philistines return the ark of the covenant, it's finally brought to the city of Jerusalem.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- During a dramatic battle against the Philistines, the ark of the covenant, the physical reminder of God's presence with His people, was captured and taken. Devastated, the Israelites mourned. But as long as their enemy had possession of the ark, God plagued them with disease and death.
- After seven months, the terrified Philistines returned the ark to the Israelites at Kiriath Jearim, where it stayed for about 20 years. But God wanted another city to be its resting place.
- The Lord chose Zion, another name for Jerusalem, as the place where the ark would dwell. David, God's chosen and anointed king, vowed to bring the ark to Jerusalem.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Bring out your favorite worship music and encourage your family to join you in a dance party. After the first song, stop and read **2 Samuel 6:12–15 and 17–19**. In the Old Testament, the ark of the covenant reminded people that God was with them. Discuss David's reaction when the Israelites brought the ark to Jerusalem. Explain that because of Jesus, God's Spirit lives inside of us when we decide to follow Him. God is with us all the time. Celebrate some more! Turn the music back on and continue your dance party.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What did David do when he brought the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem?
- Why do you think David celebrated with food and dance?
- How does it make you feel to know that God is with us all the time?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Blesses Us with His Presence 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.

**Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid;
do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God
will be with you wherever you go.**

Joshua 1:9

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 be blessed with God's presence each day, and remember that He loves you very much.**

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.