

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

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Festival of Trumpets: Remembering and Celebrating God's Faithfulness

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD PREPARES THE WAY FOR JESUS

Zechariah, the Angel, and the Birth of John

Luke 1:1–25, 57–80

An angel appears to Zechariah and announces that he and his wife Elizabeth will have a son in their old age.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- In the time between the Old Testament and the New Testament, there is no record of God speaking to His people. This is often referred to as the period of silence or the 400 Silent Years.
- As God was preparing the people to meet His Son Jesus, He chose Zechariah, one of about 18,000 priests serving Yahweh.
- God renewed His activity on behalf of His people when He sent a message for His people to Zechariah.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Gather your family and light a scented candle. Read **Luke 1:5–14, 18–25**. Point your children's attention to the scented candle. Have them smell the beautiful aroma. Share that our prayers to God are like a lovely fragrance to Him. Ask: "Who was Zechariah's son?" Share that his son was Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist. Ask your children: "What might be some ways people might prepare to meet Jesus back in Bible times? What might be some ways we could prepare to meet Jesus today?"

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What do you think Zechariah's prayers might have been?
- How does God want us to get ready for Jesus?
- Is there someone you can help get ready for Jesus?

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

**Show me your ways, LORD,
teach me your paths.**
Psalm 25:4

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), **you follow God wherever He leads you. May you be ready to share His love with 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.