

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 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

GOD IS POWERFUL

Taking the Promised Land

Joshua 6—10

The Israelites fight the battles of Jericho and Ai and take the Promised Land.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

GOD IS VICTORIOUS

David and Goliath

1 Samuel 16—17

God gives a David victory over Goliath.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- God had set up a system of leadership in which He led His people through the priests, prophets and judges who spoke on His behalf.
- The Israelites didn't want the system God had set up. They wanted the system man had created, so they asked for a king.
- The first king was Saul, but God would eventually reject him and put David in Saul's place.
- God's Spirit was with David and gave him victory as he fought Goliath.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Gather your family around your dinner table, on your couch, or in a circle on the floor. Tell your children you're going to read to them about the life of David. Ask them to close their eyes and put themselves in David's shoes as you read. Then **read 1 Samuel 17:1–32, 45–50**. Ask your kids how they think David felt when he first saw Goliath. Remind your children that God is victorious. When we surrender our lives to God, God's glory will be seen through our victories.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Why do you think God chose David to be king?
- How was God victorious in David's life?
- How has God had victory in your life?

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

**He gives strength to the weary and
increases the power of the weak.
Isaiah 40:29**

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 trust in nothing but God to give you victory in your life. May He be victorious in your heart and give you peace and joy.**

For more information about blessing your child, talk to your ministry leader or see *Spiritual Parenting* by Michelle Anthony.