

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 SOVEREIGN

King David

2 Samuel 2; 5—7

God calls David to lead His people as a shepherd king.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Solomon desired to lead the Israelites with good judgment, so he asked God for wisdom.
- Many people have been enlightened not only by Solomon's writings in the book of Proverbs, but also the legends of his decision-making skills, such as the wise ruling in 1 Kings 3:16–28 concerning a child.
- Solomon's life cautions those who desire and receive wisdom from God to continually thank Him for the gift they've received.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Gather some coins and an empty jar. **Read 1 Kings 2:1–4; 3:5–14.** Explain to your children that God also blesses us in many ways. Encourage each person to name a blessing, and for each blessing, to take a coin and put it in the jar. Continue naming blessings as long as you'd like. When you finish, explain that we can respond to all of our blessings by worshipping and thanking God. Have your kids take the coins to church this week and give them to God as a way of worshipping Him.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How did God bless Solomon?
- How does God bless us?
- How can we bless others?

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

**How abundant are the good things that you have stored up
for those who fear you, that you bestow in the sight of all,
on those who take refuge in you.
Psalm 31:19**

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 God's goodness and blessings overflow in your life.
May you use the blessings He's given you to bless others this week.**

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