

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

PONDER POINT: GOD IS NEAR

Walking on Water

Matthew 14:22–36; John 6:16–21

Jesus came to His disciples during the night and helped Peter when he was sinking in water.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS RESTORES

Healing of the Blind Man

John 9

Jesus heals a blind man by placing mud on his eyes and telling him to wash in the Pool of Siloam.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- God created man “from the dust of the ground” (Genesis 2:7). Some think that by using mud to heal the blind man, Jesus was demonstrating again that He is the Creator.
- The divine source of this miracle must have been something grasped by the blind man, because he said in John 9:33, “If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”
- In John 9, we first saw the blind man as a beggar, condemned as a sinner by his community.
- Jesus did not just heal the blind man physically; He also healed him socially.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Take turns blindfolding yourself and your children while trying to do something you normally do in the rhythm of your everyday life (folding a shirt, sweeping the floors, making your bed, etc.). Discuss how hard it is to work when you can't see. Then **read John 9:1–12**. Ask your children how they think the blind man might have felt after Jesus healed him. Pray and thank God for loving us and desiring to heal us. Also take this time to lift up anyone in your family who needs healing.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How did Jesus heal the man?
- What does the word *restore* mean?
- Is there a place in your life where you need God to restore you?

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

I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

John 11:25–26a

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 know that Jesus loves you and wants to restore you.**

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