

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'S SPIRIT CHANGES EVERYTHING

Ascension and Holy Spirit

Matthew 28:16–20; Acts 1—2

After Jesus went back to heaven, the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The temple in first-century Jerusalem was divided into sections. Social status determined how far into the temple one could go.
- Solomon's portico was known as the Court of the Gentiles. It was a section of the temple that most anyone could enter.
- The only section of the temple that the crippled man had ever been in was Solomon's portico.
- This man grew up his entire life wanting to enter the temple and was never allowed to. Now that he was no longer crippled, he was allowed to enter.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Grab a blanket, gather your family, and find a gate or fence to sit by. Invite your children to close their eyes and imagine how it might feel to sit in a place for a long time and not be able to move. Tell them you're going to read about a man in The Big God Story who couldn't move his legs and had to sit by a gate and beg.

Read Acts 3:1–10. Ask your children what kind of healing this man needed.

Then discuss together what the man did once he was healed.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How did God use Peter in the beggar's life?
- How did God use the beggar's healing to bring people to Him?
- How does God use people today?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God's Power Changes Everything 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 provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

Psalm 111:9

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 feel God's Spirit helping you follow Him.**

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.