

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

PONDER POINT: GOD IS PROVIDER

Samuel Anoints David

1 Samuel 16:1–13

Samuel followed God's instructions and anointed David as the new king of Israel. God provided David as the king of His people because He knew David loved Him with all his heart.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Festival of First Fruits: Remembering and Celebrating God as Trustworthy

DID YOU KNOW?

- There are seven festivals that were celebrated by the Israelite people: Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, Festival of First Fruits, Feast of Harvest, Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles (or Booths).
- During the feasts, the Israelites ate, danced, sang, played instruments, prayed, and offered sacrifices to God.
- The Festival of First Fruits was a celebration of the first grain harvest of spring. The Israelites offered one sheath offering of grain in the temple on the day following the Sabbath. It marked the beginning of the spring harvest.
- In the New Testament, this festival was fulfilled by the resurrection of Jesus as the "first fruits."

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Set up a simple obstacle course by scattering objects in an indoor or outdoor space. Blindfold one family member, and then have another family member verbally guide the blindfolded person through the obstacle course. Encourage each family member to take a turn being blindfolded and guided through the course. Once each person has tried it, talk about what it felt like to place your trust in another to guide you. Share with your children that God is someone we can always trust. He gives us clear direction and walks with us along the way. **Read Psalm 19.** Celebrate together that we can always trust God.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What does the word *trustworthy* mean?
- What are some of the ways God has shown Himself trustworthy in The Big God Story?
- How can we show our appreciation to God for being trustworthy?

Extend these questions into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Is Trustworthy into your everyday life as a family.

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.

(Child's name), **may you trust in the Lord to take care of you, defend you, and comfort you for the rest of your life. Always remember that He is trustworthy and good.**

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.