

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 RIGHTEOUS

Josiah

2 Chronicles 34; 2 Kings 22

After many years of unrighteous rulers over the kingdom of Judah, young Josiah took the throne. At the age of 16, he made a commitment to follow the one true God and restore the temple. He led the Israelites to turn back to the Lord and follow His Word.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS TRUSTWORTHY

Esther Part I

Esther 1—4

Esther was chosen to be queen of Persia. She learned that Haman, the king's prime minister, was plotting to have the Jewish people killed. Esther needed to trust God to show her how to help her people.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Esther's cousin Mordecai was Esther's guardian before she was brought to the palace.
- Esther was chosen to be queen through a process that was similar to a beauty pageant.
- The king didn't know that Esther was Jewish when he took her to be his queen.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Before Esther was chosen as queen, she spent an entire year receiving beauty treatments and getting ready to meet the king. Provide dress-up outfits for your children to play with or allow them to give you a "beauty treatment" by brushing your hair or painting your nails. After having some fun, read **Esther 4:6–14**.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How do you think Esther felt after hearing that the Jewish people were in danger?
- Do you think God had a reason for Esther to become queen?
- How is God trustworthy in this part of The Big God Story?

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.

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.

As for me, I call to God, and the Lord saves me.

Psalm 55:16

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 remember there's nothing to fear, because God is with you. He is trustworthy. May you know you can turn to God at any time, for anything.**

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.