

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

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Feast of Harvest: Remembering and Celebrating God's Abundant Provision

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS MIGHTY

Esther Part II

Esther 5—10

When Esther learned of the plot to kill the Jewish people, she was greatly distressed. Mordecai pleaded with her to go before the king on behalf of the Jews. God used Esther and Mordecai to save His people.

DID YOU KNOW?

- King Xerxes saw himself as a god on earth, and he ruled with an iron fist.
- Mordecai's refusal to bow down to Haman infuriated him and led to the persecution of the Jewish people.
- God not only saved Esther from the potential wrath of the king, He also saved all the Jewish people through Mordecai and Esther's courage.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Prepare a meal for your children that includes all their favorite foods. While they're eating, read **Esther 5:1–8 and 7:1–3**. Remind your children that Esther prepared a banquet for the king to attend as she pled for the safety of the Jewish people.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How do you think Esther felt as she waited for the king to arrive at her banquet?
- Who was with Esther, giving her the courage to do what was right?
- Is there anything you're scared or frightened of? Remember God is mighty!

Extend these questions into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Is Mighty 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.

This is what the LORD says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go."

Isaiah 48:17

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), **God is mighty, and He is always with you. May you know that you never have to be afraid.**

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.