

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 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.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS FAITHFUL

Return to Jerusalem and Rebuilding of the Temple

Ezra 1—8

The Jewish people returned to Jerusalem and the temple was rebuilt.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The book of Ezra begins with the end of the Israelites' 70 years of captivity in Babylon.
- God used the Persian king Cyrus to make the Israelites' return to Jerusalem possible.
- God is faithful! He was true to His word, even though it took about 20 years for the temple to finally be rebuilt.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Read Ezra 3:8–11. Then, allow your children to play with stacking objects or linking blocks. As they build, remind them of the story of the Israelites returning, and how God was faithful. Share that God did what He said He would do by allowing the people to rebuild the temple and return to worship Him.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How do you think the people felt when they were given the freedom to return to Jerusalem?
- How do you think the people felt when the temple was rebuilt? What do you think the first thing they did was?
- How was God faithful 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 Faithful 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 faithful. He will give you everything you need as you serve Him and others.**

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.