

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 FAITHFUL

Return to Jerusalem and Rebuilding of the Temple

Ezra 1—8

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

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS THE MESSIAH

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1–11; Mark 11:1–11; Luke 19:28–38; John 12:12–19

The people of Israel had been waiting many years for the promised Savior to come. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the people celebrated by shouting praises to God and waving palm branches.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem was prophesied in the book of Daniel.
- His riding on an unbroken donkey colt was the fulfillment of a prophecy written in Zechariah 9:9.
- As Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the people sang from Psalm 118, which was written to welcome the Messiah—the promised Savior.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

As a family, take turns acting as “king” or “queen” at mealtimes throughout the week. Let your children know that kings and queens get special treatment—they get to eat dessert before dinner or sit at the head of the table. Share **John 12:12–16** with your children. After reading, ask your children, “What did the people say as Jesus rode into town?” They called Him the King of Israel. Pray together, thanking God that He sent Jesus to be our King.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Do you think kings usually ride donkeys?
- How did Jesus show He is King?
- How does it make you feel to know that Jesus is the Messiah whom God promised?

Extend these questions into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how Jesus Is the Messiah 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), **may you shout praises and worship the promised Savior wherever you go this week. He has come and will come again!**

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.