

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 WITH US

Baptism and Wilderness Temptation

Matthew 3:13–17; 4:1–17; Mark 1:9–15; Luke 3:21–23; 4:1–14;

John 1:29–36

After John baptized Jesus, the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness. Jesus fasted and prayed for 40 days. God the Father was with Jesus the entire time.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Feast of Trumpets: Remembering and Celebrating God's Faithfulness

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 Feast of Trumpets is the first of the fall feasts, called Rosh Hashanah.
- This feast is characterized by watchfulness and preparedness and will be fulfilled with the Lord's second coming.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Provide some musical instruments for your children, or consider using household items like pots and pans, wooden spoons, etc. Explain that during their feasts and festivals, the Israelite people would use various forms of expression to worship God. They often danced, sang, and played instruments as part of their worship experience. Encourage your children to create their own worship song, thanking God for His faithfulness. Allow them to perform their song for other family members if they're comfortable doing so. **Read Psalm 36**, a song of David, and discuss some of the things that David says about God's faithfulness.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What does it mean that God is always "faithful"?
- What are some of the ways that God has been faithful to you and your family?
- How can you respond to God's faithfulness in your life?

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.

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 know that God's love reaches all the way up into heavens. May you remember God's faithfulness when you see the stars in the skies.** (Reference Psalm 36:5)

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.