

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 PROTECTS

Fiery Furnace

Daniel 3:1–30

King Nebuchadnezzar threatens to throw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in a fiery furnace if they refuse to worship a false God. The three young men choose to worship God only, but God protects them from the flames and shows Himself to be the one true God.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS THE LIVING GOD

Daniel

Daniel 6

God proves that He is the Living God when he protects Daniel in a den of lions.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- After Daniel entered Babylon, his name was changed. This was a common occurrence for newly obtained subjects. Conquerors did this to express their authority and force assimilation into the new culture.
- Regardless of a Babylonian name, Daniel remained faithful to his true identity and his Hebrew given name meaning "God is my judge."
- In the face of great opposition, Daniel did not waver from who he was. He was a follower of the Most High God. This relationship superseded any human law or decree.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Read the biblical account of Daniel and the lions' den in **Daniel 6:10–12 and 16–23** right before bedtime. Share with your children that you're going to read a part of The Big God Story where someone had to stay overnight in a scary place, and God protected him. After you've read the passage, reflect on what you just read. Ask your children to share a time when they were afraid, but God protected them.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How do you think Daniel felt while he was in the lions' den?
- What might Daniel have thought when he saw the angel sent by God to shut the lions' mouths?
- When have you seen that God is the Living God in your own life or the life of our family?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Is the Living God 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.

**The LORD your God is with you, the
Mighty Warrior who saves.
Zephaniah 3:17a**

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 that God is with you always and protects you, even in the things you cannot see.**

For more information about blessing your child, talk to your ministry leader or see *Spiritual Parenting* by Michelle Anthony.