

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: JESUS IS KING

Triumphal Entry/Palm Sunday

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

This week children celebrated Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where the people hailed Him as the king they thought would deliver them from Roman rule. But instead, Jesus came to conquer other things—sin and death.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: THE BIG GOD STORY

Easter

God reveals His plan to send the Savior, Jesus, throughout The Big God Story.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The Passover Feast was a significant celebration of Passion Week. It was the remembrance of when the Lord's judgment "passed over" all those who obeyed Him during the Israelites' final days in Egypt (Exodus 12:1–30).
- The Israelites were instructed by the Lord to take a young, unblemished lamb and sacrifice the animal at twilight. Then, they were to smear the animal's blood on the door frames of the dwelling place where they ate the feast. Later that night, the Lord was to pass over every dwelling place in Egypt. Whoever had the blood covering their home was safe, and God's judgment passed over.
- Jesus willingly became the unblemished lamb and would be the sacrifice whose blood would cover all who believed and chose to follow Him. Under His covering, death would pass over and there would be freedom from sin and death.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Pull out several books and thumb through them with your children. Encourage each person in your family to select one or two of their favorite stories. Talk about why they're your favorites: Is there a fun character, an exciting setting, or an interesting storyline? Then share how the Bible tells the best story of all! Afterward, read the biblical account of Jesus rising from the dead in **Luke 24:1–12** and discuss how Jesus died for our sins so we can be forgiven and have a right relationship with God. Take time to pray together and thank God for giving each of you a part in His big story.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What happened to Jesus on the third day?
- What does this mean for us?
- What is your favorite part of The Big God Story?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about The Big God Story 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.

Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life.

John 5:24a

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 and experience God's great love for you, and may you see in each day the special way you're a part of His big story.**

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