

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 GOD

Calming of the Storm

Matthew 8:23–27; Mark 4:35–41

When Jesus and His disciples crossed the lake in a boat, a storm hit and threatened to sink the boat. The disciples were afraid. But Jesus calmed the wind and the waves with His words, proving that He is God.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS PROVIDER

Feeding the Five Thousand

Matthew 14:13–21; Mark 6:30–44; Luke 9:10–17; John 6:1–15

Jesus feeds over five thousand people with only five loaves and two fish.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Scripture tells us Jesus continued to teach the people and heal their sick until late in the day.
- After all the people were fed, the disciples collected the baskets of what was left over and found there were 12 baskets full of food!
- Five thousand men, plus women and children, were fed that evening.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Read this part of The Big God Story during dinnertime. As you sit down to eat, **read Mark 6:34–43**. When you're finished, talk with your children about the abundance they have, even right in front of them. Remind them how amazing it is that God has provided a meal for them to eat and a home to sleep in at night. Ask them to think of some of the other blessings God has provided for your family.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What are some ways Jesus cares for your needs?
- When has God given us even more than we need?
- How can we show Jesus how thankful we are for what we've been given?

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

**Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit.
Psalm 147:5**

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 realize every day how much Jesus loves you and cares about your needs.**

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