

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 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

REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE

Day of Atonement: A Festival Celebrating God's Righteousness

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS NEAR

Walking on Water

Mark 6:45–51; Matthew 14:22–33

Jesus walks on water.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- In Jewish culture, the night was split into four sections or "watches." The fourth watch of the night was the darkest hours just before dawn.
- Scripture tells us it wasn't until the fourth watch of the night that Jesus met His disciples out on the water.
- When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, they cried out, "It's a ghost!"

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Fill a sink or a tub with water before you read the passage. Gather some objects that can float (cork, wood, hollow plastic) and some that can't (rocks, metal). Spend some time playing; let your children try putting different objects in the water to see if they sink or float. **Read Matthew 14:25–33.** After you've finished reading, explain to your children that Jesus was actually *walking* on the water. Ask them why they think the disciples were afraid at first when they saw Jesus.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How do you think the disciples felt when they realized Jesus was walking on water?
- How do you think Peter felt when he stepped out onto the water?
- How do you know God is near you?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God is near 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 always remember that God loves you. He chooses to be near you always. You can always trust in Him.**

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.