

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 SEES FAITH

Faith of the Centurion

Matthew 8:5–13

Jesus is amazed when a Roman officer demonstrates great faith by asking Jesus to heal his servant from afar.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Festival of the Day of Atonement: Remembering and Celebrating God's Righteousness

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The Israelite people celebrated seven festivals: 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).
- The Day of Atonement was a reflective and often solemn festival each year, involving fasting, prayer, and repentance. The Israelites rededicated the temple of the Lord and repented of their sins.
- On this day each year, the high priest passed through the veil in the temple and entered the Holy of Holies with sacrificial blood to make atonement for the sins of the people. In the New Testament, Jesus, who is our High Priest, shed His blood once and for all to make atonement for our sins before God.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

At dinner this week, play a game of "Pass the Pepper" with the pepper shaker. Before each person passes it, he must tell the best thing that happened to him during the past week. After taking time to remember and celebrate all the great events of the week, talk with your children about the festivals God's people celebrated. On the Day of Atonement, they spent time remembering His goodness and righteousness. One way the Israelites did this was by repenting and confessing their sins together. Read **1 John 1:5–10**. Discuss as a family the forgiving love of Jesus Christ and the importance of confession and repentance.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What does this passage mean when it says that God is light?
- What happens when we confess our sins?
- What is one thing you'd like to confess and ask Jesus to forgive?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about God's righteousness 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 worship our righteous God each day of your life.**

May you experience His forgiveness and love.

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.