

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 FORGIVES

The Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11–32

A young man leaves home and makes some bad choices. When he returns home, his father welcomes him back with love and forgiveness.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS GIVES LIFE

Lazarus

John 11:1–45

Jesus brings a young man in Bethany back to life.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Jesus' entire ministry was life-giving.
- Jesus received word of Lazarus' extreme illness and purposely delayed His return to Bethany. He proclaimed Lazarus' sickness would not end in death, but instead be used for "God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it" (John 11:4).
- Raising Lazarus was a precursor to Jesus' own resurrection. Jesus demonstrated His power over death. He is the resurrection and the life.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Death and dying are difficult concepts for young children, but they're also a very real part of our lives. One night this week, begin a conversation about this with your children. Discuss their fears and ask if they know what happens when a person dies. Tell them you're going to read a true story about Jesus, and what happened when one of His friends died. Then read **John 11:1–44**. Explain to your children that Jesus is life and because of Him, we don't have to worry or be afraid. We can live with Him forever.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What happened when Jesus went to visit his friend Lazarus, who had died?
- Who can we turn to when we're worried or afraid?
- What does Jesus promise us if we believe in Him?

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

**As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.
Now remain in my love.
John 15:9**

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 that Jesus is life. May you believe He made the way for us to be with Him forever.**

For more information about blessing your child, go to tru ministry.com to the Parenting tab. And for more creative ideas on spiritually leading your family, visit HomeFrontMag.com.