

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

PONDER POINT: GOD IS THE ONE AND ONLY

King Ahab and Elijah

1 Kings 16—18

God proved He is the one true God in a showdown on Mount Carmel.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD AWAKENS

King Josiah

2 Kings 22—23

King Josiah discovered God's plan for Israel when the Book of the Covenant was found while cleaning the temple.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Josiah led a nationwide renewal by destroying the articles of pagan worship scattered around the nation.
- In 2 Kings 23, we read that God led Josiah to remove things made for false gods, animals dedicated to false gods, and pagan priests serving in the high places, among many other things.
- Josiah was so thorough in his cleansing process that he "covered the sites [of ruined relics, etc.] with human bones" (2 Kings 23:14).
- By using human bones, Josiah made sure the area would never again be used for idol worship, because no Jew would want to become ceremonially unclean by coming into contact with the bones of dead people (Numbers 19:16).

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

With your family, read **2 Kings 22:1–11; 23:1–14, 21–24**. Ask your children what happened when King Josiah heard God's Word for the first time. Share that Josiah renewed the Israelites' covenant with God, cleaned the temple of things used to worship false gods, and led his people to celebrate a special festival. Spend some time as a family celebrating God's Word. You might choose to sing, dance, pray, or participate in another act of worship. Rejoice in the fact that God uses His Word to awaken our hearts to obey Him and be in right relationship with Him.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What had happened to the Book of the Covenant?
- How did King Josiah respond to God's Word?
- How did the people respond to God's Word?
- In what ways has God spoken to you through His Word this week?

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

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

Luke 4:8

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 God grow in you a love for His Word. May He awaken you through His Word, and may you respond to Him in obedience.**

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.