

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'S PLAN IS BEST

Peter

Luke 5:1–11

Jesus called Peter to follow Him.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING

Woman at the Well

John 1:1–42

Jesus spoke with a Samaritan woman.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman wasn't an ordinary one; in fact, people would have considered it scandalous, because Jews and Samaritans were enemies.
- The northern kingdom of Israel was conquered by Assyria in 722 B.C. God's people were scattered across the Assyrian Empire and eventually intermixed and intermarried with other nations.
- When the southern kingdom of Judah was conquered in 586 B.C., God's people were retrained to think, eat, and worship like Babylonians.
- After being allowed to return to their land following the Babylonian captivity, the Jews became fanatical about keeping their racial lines pure. They hated the "half-breed" Samaritans.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Get a pitcher of water and a glass for each family member. Pour each person a glass of water. Then **read John 4:1–42**. Ask your children what they would think if a stranger revealed details of their lives, details that they thought no one knew. Then talk about what Jesus meant when He referred to "living water." Discuss together how the woman may have felt when she realized she was talking to the Messiah, the Promised Redeemer. How would you have felt in that situation?

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What is the water Jesus offered to the Samaritan woman?
- Who does Jesus say He is?
- How does it make you feel to know that nothing can separate you from God's love?

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

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139:23–24

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 rest in the peace of being known by your Heavenly Father. May you tell others the good news of Jesus.**

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