

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: THE FATHER IS LOVE

Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11–32

Jesus told a parable about a father who celebrated his prodigal son's return.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: THE BIG GOD STORY

Genesis—Revelation

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- God created the universe and everything in it so that His glory might be displayed. What, then, is the proper response to God from His creation? Worship.
- From the beginning we see the centrality of worship to all of life. Cain killed Abel over a matter of worship. God scattered the world at Babel over a matter of worship. Abraham redefined faith when he was willing to sacrifice his son as an act of worship.
- As the Westminster shorter catechism states, "The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." Worship is the very reason we exist.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

One morning, when everyone is home, take time during breakfast to read **Psalm 145**. Ask each family member to share the biggest thing God has done for her. Celebrate together after each person shares, thanking God for who He is and how He's worked in each person's life. Then, if you haven't done this before, take time to tell your faith stories and the faith stories of family members from other generations. Celebrate together with a round of applause or a "Yahoo!" to God.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What stands out most to you in this passage?
- What does this passage tell us about God?
- How can we praise God today?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about The Big God Story 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.

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

John 17:3

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 give you hope and encouragement through The Big God Story. May you worship Him this week as you follow His plan for your life.**

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