

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 IS LOVE, PART 1

Paul's Conversion

Acts 9

Paul, also known as Saul, was a Pharisee who persecuted the early church. While traveling to Damascus, Paul is stopped by Jesus, who appears as a bright light. Paul is blinded, but later healed and converted to Christianity.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS LOVE, PART 2

Church in Antioch

Acts 11:19–30

The church in Antioch shares God's love through their generosity.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Antioch enjoyed a prosperous economy due to its strategic location at the crossroads of trade routes south to Palestine and Egypt, east to Persia, and west to the Asia Minor Peninsula.
- Antioch was ranked the third-greatest city in the Roman Empire, with a population of more than 500,000.
- When the Jerusalem church heard of the growing number of believers in Antioch, they sent Barnabas—a godly and faith-filled man—to visit.
- It's in Antioch that believers were first named Christians (*christianous* or "little Christs").

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Invite your children to pretend that each room in your home is a different city the disciples traveled to or from. Begin reading **Acts 11:19–30** standing in one room; each time you read that the people "came" or "went" to a new city, walk to a different room. Once you've finished reading, ask your kids why they think the people acted so generously. Explain that just as the people following Jesus then were so filled with God's love that they wanted to give, God has also filled each of us with His love to be used to build His kingdom today.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Why do you think the people scattered?
- What made the people want to share God's love with others?
- Is there a way God wants you to share His love with someone?

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

**See what great love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God!**

1 John 3:1a

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 God's love and show that love to others.**

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.