

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 NEAR

Walking on Water

Mark 6:45–51; Matthew 14:22–33

When Jesus' disciples are caught on the sea in a wild storm, they think they are alone. But during the night Jesus joins them by walking on the water toward their boat. He then calms the wind and the waves.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD LISTENS

Prayer

Matthew 6:5–13; Luke 11:1–13

The Disciples ask Jesus to show them how to pray.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The word Jesus uses for Father in Aramaic is the informal word *abba*—translated to mean “daddy.”
- We're to ask our heavenly Father to usher in His coming kingdom—which Jesus outlined with the Beatitudes.
- Jesus is the way to the kingdom of God. Coming to fulfill the law, His words bring hope. In light of this truth, we pray expectantly as we ask God to usher His kingdom into this world and our lives.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Choose a night this week to pray with your children at bedtime. As you're tucking them in, read together the biblical account of Jesus teaching us how to pray in **Matthew 6:9–13**. After you've read each verse, stop and explain to your child what it means. Then offer your own personal prayer modeled after that verse. Continue to pray, verse by verse, through the passage.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How do you think God talks to you?
- What do you think God might want to say to you?
- What do you want to say to God?

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

**Your Father knows what you need
before you ask him.**
Matthew 6:8b

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 spend time listening and speaking to God anytime, anywhere.**

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.