

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: JESUS GIVES LIFE

Lazarus

John 11:1–45

Jesus brings a young man in Bethany back to life.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS THE GOOD NEWS

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:16–20

Jesus meets the disciples on a mountain in Galilee and instructs them to spread His good news to all the nations of the world.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Shortly after the resurrection, Jesus appeared to the women outside His tomb. He instructed them to go tell the apostles to meet Him in Galilee (Matthew 28:10). The fact that Jesus had His disciples meet Him there suggests they might have had a predetermined meeting place following the resurrection (Matthew 26:32).
- When Jesus met with His disciples, He commissioned them to go and carry on His work. In His commissioning, Jesus gave them His authority—to act on His behalf—and instructed them to make disciples of all nations, declaring the universal truth of the gospel.
- The Great Commission is not for the disciples alone. It's for all who come to faith and call Jesus Christ Lord. Each of us are called to reach those who have not yet heard the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

This week, get a newspaper (or other news source), sit down with your children, and show them how a newspaper works. Share with them that a newspaper gives us the news both locally and from around the world. Read a couple of age-appropriate stories of the day. Then tell them you're going to read from The Big God Story, which is the best news of all! Read **Matthew 28:16–20**. Share with your children that Jesus loves everyone, and He wants all people to be part of His family. Jesus is the Good News!

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What do you think the good news is?
- Who should we share the good news with?
- What does it mean to be a part of God's family?

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

**As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.
Now remain in my love.
John 15:9**

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 listen for and hear from God's Holy Spirit. May you always have Jesus' peace. May you be bold to share the good news of Jesus.**

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.