

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 IS THE WAY, PART II

Phillip and the Ethiopian Man

Acts 8

Phillip shares the good news with an Ethiopian man on a desert road.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS REDEEMS

Paul's Conversion

Acts 9; 26

Saul meets Jesus on a road to Damascus. Jesus claims Saul as his own, redeems him, and changes his life.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Saul had a privileged upbringing and studied with one of the greatest teachers in Judaism.
- As a zealous upholder of the law, Saul led the charge of those opposing the message of Jesus Christ as Messiah. He traveled from synagogue to synagogue, imprisoning those who professed Christ as Savior.
- Saul's life drastically changed when he met Jesus on the road to Damascus. Saul began speaking to the Jews and Gentiles of repentance and the resurrection.
- God gave Saul a new identity. He became known as Paul, an apostle of Christ. After Paul's transformation, he spent two years in prison, followed by house arrest. He served as pastor to the early churches through his many writings.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Go on a walk together as a family. As you're walking, ask your children to tell you things they know to be true about God. Remind them how much God loves them and wants them to be His. Back at home, read together **Acts 26:12–18** and talk about what happened to Saul as he walked to Damascus. Ask, "How did Jesus appear to Saul?" Discuss how Jesus changed Saul's life and redeemed him. Then discuss how Jesus redeems us too, and promises to change our lives.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How do you think you would feel if you were Saul that day?
- What do you think it means to *redeem*?
- How did Jesus redeem Saul's life, and how does Jesus redeem our lives?

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.

**I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I have set my heart on your laws.**

Psalm 119:30

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 that Jesus has redeemed you and calls you His. May you live with joy and peace in this truth.**

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.