

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 WORTHY OF WORSHIP

Solomon

1 Chronicles 28

King Solomon received plans from his father, David, to build a temple where the people could worship God and meet with Him. Solomon instructed that no tools should be heard in that sacred space; each piece was to be cut and shaped elsewhere. The people gave generously of their goods, talents, and time to bring the temple to completion. After seven years, God's temple was finished.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS OUR SAFE PLACE

Elijah

1 Kings 19:1–18

Elijah flees from Jezebel and meets with God.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Elijah challenged the king and his false prophets on behalf of the Lord God. After the pagan prophets failed to summon their false gods, God responded to Elijah's prayer and sent fire from heaven.
- After hearing all that had happened, Jezebel made a promise to have Elijah killed. Elijah ran for his life to Mount Horeb. Mount Horeb, or the mountain of God, was also referred to as Mount Sinai, where Moses met with God and was given the Law for the people.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Ask your children what their "safe place" is in your home—the place where they feel most comforted and protected (for example: their bed, your bed, a soft corner on the couch, etc.). At this "safe place," read together the biblical account of Elijah fleeing from Jezebel in **1 Kings 19:3–13**. After you've read the passage, explain that just as they may feel safer in your bed or under their covers, God kept Elijah safe at the mountain. Ask them to share with you any things that are scary in their lives right now, and then pray about them.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- When are times that you need God's protection?
- Why is God a safe place?
- What do you want to tell God today?

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

**Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may
your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
Psalm 143:10**

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 always remember that God is your safe place.**

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