

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 MEETS WITH HIS PEOPLE

Tabernacle

Exodus 40:1–38

God gave Moses instructions and Moses and the people built the tabernacle.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD ALWAYS KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Joshua and Jericho

Numbers 13; 14:26–33; Joshua 5:13–6:27

God led Joshua and His people into the Promised Land.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The Israelites were about to enter the land of Canaan that God promised to Abraham many years before. Upon first inspection, they feared what awaited them: giants, strong armies, fortified cities, and potential hostility—all of which the people of Israel felt ill-equipped to handle.
- After the death of Moses, God appointed Joshua as his successor.
- God gave specific instructions to Joshua for successfully taking Jericho. None of the priests, God's people, or Joshua had to pick up a weapon to fight. God gave the city over to His people just as He said.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Gather items (couch or bed pillows, etc.) to represent the walls of Jericho. Allow your children to build the "walls," arranging items in a circle so you'll be able to march around them. **Read Joshua 6:1–16.** March around the pillows each time the passage talks about marching around the city. At verse 15, march around the "wall" seven times and give a loud shout! Talk about how important it is to listen for and follow God's instructions, even when they don't always make sense to us.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Who made the walls fall down?
- How do you think the people of God felt when they saw God keep all of His promises?
- What's a promise that God has made to us?

Extend these questions into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God always keeps His promises 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.

**We praise you, God, we praise you, for your Name is near;
people tell of your wonderful deeds.**
Psalm 75:1

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 know God's great love for you and remember that God will always keep His promises.**

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