

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 OUR SAFE PLACE

Elijah

1 Kings 19:1–18

When Queen Jezebel vowed to have the prophet Elijah killed, Elijah fled to Mount Horeb. God promised to meet Elijah there and speak with him. As Elijah waited, there was a powerful wind, an earthquake, and a fire. But God was not present in those events. Instead, He revealed Himself to Elijah through a peaceful whisper, showing that He was Elijah's safe place.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD'S WORD HAS POWER

Josiah

2 Kings 22—23:30

When King Josiah's workers clean out the long-unused temple, they find the lost Book of the Law—God's Word—amidst the rubble.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Josiah became king of Judah when he was eight years old. His reign followed that of his father, Amon, and his grandfather, Manasseh, both of whom were evil kings.
- At the age of 26, the king put a team of people together to clean out and restore the temple to once again dedicate it to the worship and service of the one true God.
- During this reconstruction, the high priest found the Book of the Law and had it sent to King Josiah. When he heard the words written in the book, Josiah tore his robes and began to grieve for himself and the people.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Together with your children, find an item that has been passed down by someone in your family. It could be a Bible, a piece of jewelry, a picture, an heirloom, etc. Show your children this item, and tell them a story about their family heritage. Read **2 Kings 22:1–2, 11–13 and 18–20**. After reading, ask questions as you reflect on the passages, such as, “What did the men find and bring to King Josiah?” or “What did Josiah do when he heard God's Word?”

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What are some ways we can respond when we hear God's Word?
- How does God speak to us from His Word, the Bible?
- How else does God talk to us?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God's Word Has Power 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 see the power of God's Word in your life this week.**

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