

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

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Feast of Harvest: Celebrating God's Abundant Provision

This festival, also known as the Feast of Pentecost or Weeks, corresponded with the nation's harvest season. Pentecost, which means "50," was celebrated 50 days after Passover and recognized when God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD PROTECTS

Fiery Furnace

Daniel 3:1–30

God saves three men from a fiery furnace after they choose to worship Him only.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem and overtook the city.
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were taken to Babylon. They were to be educated in the Babylonian language, literature, and ways of the empire in order that they might serve in the court of the king.
- Regardless of the consequences, these young men wouldn't turn from what they knew was true and the God they worshipped.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Gather your family and enjoy a fire in your fireplace, outside by a fire pit, or simply by lighting a few candles. Then read **Daniel 3:12–14, 16–20 and 24–30**. After you've read the passage, encourage your children to look at the flames and describe them to you. Remind them how amazing it is that God could protect Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from being hurt at all when they were standing in the midst of the fiery furnace. Share with your children that God is always with us, and He is able to protect us in all situations.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Why was King Nebuchadnezzar mad at Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?
- How did God protect Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?
- How has God protected you?

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

**The LORD your God is with you, the
Mighty Warrior who saves.
Zephaniah 3:17**

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 remember that God is with you always and protects you.**

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