

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 HELP

Ebenezer

1 Samuel 7:3–13

The Israelites had moved away from following and obeying God, so God allowed the Philistines to attack them and take the ark of the covenant. Soon after, the Israelites returned to the Lord and cried out to Him for help. God heard His people and allowed them to defeat the Philistines, and the ark was returned to Israel. In celebration, the prophet Samuel set up a stone called Ebenezer—meaning “stone of help”—to remind the people of God's great love, help, and mercy.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP, PART 1

Psalms

Psalms 27:6; 30:11; 95:2; 98:4; 108:1; 149:3

Only God is worthy of our worship. Through reading the Psalms, we learn that we can express our worship to God in many different ways.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Worship literally means, “giving worth to something.”
- When we worship God, we're able to give voice to our deepest thoughts and feelings for Him.
- Worship is not just singing. Everything we do can be directed to God in worship.

As your family gathers, play quiet worship music and light some candles. **Read Psalm 30:11, 149:3, and 108:1.** Tell your children you're going to spend some time worshipping God, and ask them how they would like to do this. They may choose to sit quietly, kneel, raise their hands, or even dance and sing along to the music. Encourage everyone to choose a response and spend several minutes worshipping God as a family.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- In what ways was God worshipped in these verses?
- What are some ways we worship God today?
- What is your favorite way to worship God?

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

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, “This is the way; walk in it.”
Isaiah 30:21

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 Jesus more and more and worship Him always.**

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

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