

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 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 REDEEMER

Ruth and Naomi
Ruth 1–4

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD LOOKS AT THE HEART

Samuel and David
1 Samuel 16:1–13

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Even though he was rejected by God as king over Israel, King Saul reigned for 42 years.
- Samuel was a prophet who anointed two kings: Saul and David.
- Samuel was the last of the judges in the Old Testament.
- Armor-bearers, like David, were servants who had proven to be brave warriors. Their job was to carry extra weapons for their leaders.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Gather your entire family together. Read **Psalm 139:23–24**. Ask each family member to go one at a time into a room in your home designated by you. Once alone in that room, each person should make a choice whether or not to hide something small. (If they choose not to hide something at all, they should keep it secret.) After everyone has gone into the room separately, join together as a family in that room to see if everyone can guess what is missing. Talk about how things we do in secret are not secret to God. God sees all that we do, think, and are, even the things we feel in our hearts.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Have you ever felt as if God might be speaking to you?
- What are some things that bring comfort when you feel ill or sad.
- Remind your children that when we enter into a relationship with God, we receive the Holy Spirit, who has the power to change our hearts.

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

**In their hearts humans plan their course,
but the LORD establishes their steps.
Proverbs 16:9**

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 that God sees you, cares for you, and knows you. May you have a heart like His.**

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