

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 KING

Crowning of Saul

1 Samuel 10:17–25

God's people decided they really wanted to be led by a human king, even though God is their true King. God gave them what they wanted and chose a man named Saul to be the first king of Israel.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS PROVIDER

Samuel Anoints David

1 Samuel 16:1–13

Samuel followed God's instructions and anointed David as the new king of Israel. God provided David as the king of His people because He knew David loved Him with all his heart.

DID YOU KNOW?

- David was the youngest and the smallest of his brothers and wouldn't be the typical choice for a king. God was looking at David's heart. God knew David had a heart for Him.
- God used David's occupation as a shepherd, and his future occupation as armor bearer, to cultivate the love for God and leadership training he would need to be king.
- God's Spirit came upon David when he was anointed and was a powerful presence in David's life from this point forward.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Tell your children you'd like to do something unexpected. Instead of going on a "treasure hunt," go on a "trash hunt." Go out into your neighborhood and try to fill up as many bags as you can with trash. Explain that God often does unexpected things in the lives of those who follow Him. Then read **1 Samuel 16:1–13**.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Do you think David was happy or sad, scared or excited, when Samuel anointed him?
- What do you think God saw in David that made him different than his brothers?
- What are some ways God provides for you?

Extend these questions into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Is Provider 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.

LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

Isaiah 25:1

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 know God as your provider and love Him with your whole heart. May God provide for your every need.**

For more information about blessing your child, go to truministry.com to the Parenting tab. And for more creative ideas on spiritually leading your family, visit HomeFrontMag.com.