

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: JESUS IS THE MESSIAH

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1–11; Mark 11:1–11; Luke 19:28–38; John 12:12–19

The people of Israel had been waiting many years for the promised Savior to come. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the people celebrated by shouting praises to God and waving palm branches.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS ALIVE!

The Big God Story and Resurrection

Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20—21

Jesus rose from the grave! He is alive! Because of Jesus, we get to be with God forever. He wants us to be part of The Big God Story too!

DID YOU KNOW?

- God planned our redemption through Jesus's death and resurrection from the very beginning of The Big God Story.
- Jesus' act of redemption on the cross is the climax of The Big God Story.
- The Big God Story is still being written through the lives of believers. He invites each of us to be a part of His continued work in the world around us.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Read your child's favorite book to her. Ask why that particular book is her favorite. Discuss the beginning and the end of the story and if there is a villain or a hero. Share with her that The Big God Story is the greatest story of all and each one of us can be a part of this true story. Explain that Jesus—the promised Redeemer—is the hero of The Big God Story. Read **Mark 16**. Pray together, thanking God that He kept His promise and sent Jesus, and that Jesus is alive!

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What would it have been like to arrive at the empty tomb and see the stone rolled away?
- How does it feel to know that Jesus is alive?
- What are some ways we can celebrate what Jesus did for us?

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

This is what the LORD says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go."
Isaiah 48:17

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 always remember that you're deeply loved by the God who was, and is, and is to come. He will live forever!**

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