

**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 FORGIVES

Parable of the Unmerciful Servant  
Matthew 18:21–35

## WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

### PONDER POINT: GOD IS GRACIOUS

Parable of the Workers in the Field  
Matthew 20:1–16

## DID YOU KNOW?

*Share these facts to get the conversation started.*

- Each worker in this parable received the same wage—regardless of how late in the day he entered the field.
- Though it might seem unfair that all of the workers were paid the same amount, none of them received less than the amount he'd agreed to.
- Jesus told this parable to explain that He is gracious to all and gives as He chooses.
- Though God's grace doesn't always look like what we would expect, He treats us all fairly and offers grace to all.

## CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Talk with your children about scenarios they feel are unfair. Read the parable of the workers in the field in **Matthew 20:1–16**. Ask why the first workers felt upset when they found out the last workers got the same pay. Remind them that the first workers got exactly what they'd been promised. Encourage your children to look back at the scenarios they shared earlier. Explain that when we pray and see things from God's point of view, it changes our perspective. God is not only fair, but also gracious, which means He shows mercy and compassion to everyone.

*After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:*

- How do you think the workers hired later in the day felt when they received the same wage as the workers who worked all day? How would you have felt?
- How do you think the workers who worked all day felt when they saw that the workers who came later received the same wage they received? How would you have felt?
- What is the difference between grace and fairness?

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

**Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up on compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!**  
**Isaiah 30:18**

## 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 see God's graciousness in your life. May you notice the ways He shows love and kindness to you.**

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