

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 TRUTH

Peter and John before the Sanhedrin
Acts 3—4

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS THE ONE TRUE GOD

Stephen is Martyred
Acts 6:8—7:60

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Stephen's speech covered most of The Big God Story.
- The apostle Paul was present at the stoning of Stephen. This event may have had a dramatic and lasting effect on Paul.
- The stoning of Stephen led to a great persecution of the early church.
- Persecution of the early church resulted in the believers being scattered throughout various regions. This ultimately helped the spread of the gospel.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

On a piece of paper, write, "GOD IS THE ONE TRUE GOD." Invite each person in your family to share how God has shown Himself as the one true God in their life. Write down the answers all around the piece of paper. Then read **Acts 6:8–10** and **Acts 7:51–60**. Talk about how Stephen knew God as the one true God through The Big God Story and how he was willing to die because He trusted the one true God with his whole life. Hang the piece of paper in your home as a reminder of God's work in your family.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Why do you think the Sanhedrin falsely accused Stephen?
- What was Stephen's response when he was stoned?
- Why do you think Stephen chose to die for his faith?

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

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
Acts 1:8

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 worship the one true God with your whole life. May you serve and follow Him with great joy.**

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