

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'S SPIRIT GIVES GIFTS

Book of Ephesians: Spiritual Gifts
Ephesians 4:1–16

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS THE HOLY ONE

Peter's Letter to the Jewish Christians
1 Peter 1—2

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Unlike most of the epistles (letters to the early church that are part of the New Testament), this letter was not written to one particular church but to various groups of believers scattered throughout the Roman Empire.
- Peter wrote this letter to remind the scattered people of God that their suffering would not last forever.
- Peter reminded believers that while they may live on earth now, it is a temporary home and a believer's real home is in heaven.
- God calls believers to be "strangers" or "aliens" on earth—living a life that is different from, but still attractive to, those around them.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

In an empty water bottle or jar pour equal parts of water and oil. Show your children how the two can be mixed together but will eventually separate. **Read 1 Peter 1:1–12.**

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- In what ways does God call us to be different from the rest of the world?
- How does it feel to know that as believers our true home is in heaven?
- Share with your children that God loves them and desires for them to live a life that is different from those around them. Discuss what that may look like in various situations.

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

**My sheep listen to my voice;
I know them, and they follow me.
John 10:27**

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 be holy as God is holy, through the power of His Holy Spirit. May you stand out as a light in the darkness.**

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