

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 GIVES NEW LIFE

Paul's Conversion

Acts 9; 22

Paul was a man who didn't know that Jesus was the Savior. God stopped him during his travels and gave him a new way to live. Paul traveled to many countries teaching people about Jesus.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD LEADS HIS CHURCH

The Early Church

Acts 11

Through a vision, God showed Peter and the early church that they needed to change the way they were living.

DID YOU KNOW?

- There were several "identity markers" that the Israelites had to show they were God's people. These included circumcision, dietary laws, Sabbath keeping, and various other purity practices.
- As time passed, the Israelites began to look at these distinctions with a sense of privilege and exclusivity.
- God used Peter's vision as a major turning point in the early church, teaching them that Jesus came for the sake of all people.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Gather your family together at bedtime. Take turns speaking words of encouragement to one another. You might say, "(Child's name), I loved the way you helped your brother today," or "(Child's name), I love your happy attitude." Then, read **Acts 11:19–30**. God used Barnabas and Paul to encourage the early church. There were many new Christians who needed someone to teach them and support them. Explain to your children that it's our job as Christ followers to do the same thing. Discuss some ways your family might be able to encourage other families by sharing God's truth with them.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What were some of the ways Paul and Barnabas encouraged others?
- Who do you know that needs to hear about Jesus?
- What can your actions teach others about Jesus?

Extend these questions into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Leads His Church 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.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
Romans 10:13

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 God lead you today and every day as you listen for Him to guide you. May you follow Him always.**

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.