

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

Healing of the Paralyzed Man

Mark 2:1–12

Jesus forgives the sins of a paralyzed man and heals him too.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS HELP

Healing of the Leper, Jairus's Daughter, Sick Woman

Matthew 8:1–4; 9:18–26; Mark 5:21–43

Jesus responds to three people who called out to Him for help.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- A man with leprosy called out to Jesus for help, and Jesus didn't just heal the man; He touched him. One simple act of kindness healed this man's heart as well as his body.
- A woman with an issue of blood touched the fringe of Jesus' robe, and even though she knew she would be despised and cast out for making this Rabbi unclean, she trusted in God—and Jesus healed her.
- Finally, the touch of Jesus brought a young child back to life and returned hope to a family previously lost in despair.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Make up a family handshake. Try to incorporate at least 10 actions or touch points (such as elbow to elbow or hip to hip) into it. Talk about how much love is shared through touch. **Read Matthew 8:1–4.** Jesus chose to heal this man by touching him—even though he had leprosy, a contagious disease. Hold hands and have a time of prayer for whoever needs help. Lay your hands on anyone in your family who would like a specific prayer spoken over him.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Why was it so amazing that Jesus touched the leper?
- How have you seen God respond when you've cried out to Him for help?
- Is there anything for which you need God's help today?

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

**Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in
our time of need.**
Hebrews 4:16

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 know God will comfort you and lead you.**

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