

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 SAVES, PART 2

Esther

Esther 1—10

As a part of God's great plan, Esther—a Jew—was chosen as King Xerxes new queen. When Esther's cousin, Mordecai, discovered that one of the king's officials name Haman was making an evil plot to destroy God's people, Mordecai urged Esther to ask the king for mercy for her people. Esther trusted God and took the request to the king. The king not only granted her request, He also had Haman put to death. God saved His people.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Feast of Trumpets: Remembering and Celebrating God's Faithfulness

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The Israelite people celebrated seven festivals: Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, Festival of First Fruits, Feast of Harvest, Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles (or Booths).
- During the feasts, the Israelites ate, danced, sang, played instruments, prayed, and offered sacrifices to God.
- The Feast of Trumpets focused on the faithfulness of God.
- This feast consisted of a time of rest, "an offering made by fire," and the blowing of the trumpets.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Set aside an evening to remember and celebrate as a family, and create a "feast" together. Do something special, and spend the time remembering what God has done in the lives of your family members. Read Psalm 98. Do what the psalm says and shout for joy to the Lord, declaring His faithfulness. If you have a horn or trumpet, blow it in celebration of all God has done. Tell your children that this week in church they'll have an opportunity to remember and celebrate God's faithfulness to all His children.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What does it mean to be faithful?
- Why do you think it's important to thank and praise God?
- How would you like to thank God for His faithfulness today?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about God's faithfulness into your everyday life as a family.

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 how much God loves and cares for you as He continues to show you His faithfulness.**

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