

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 RESPONDS

Peter Freed from Prison

Acts 12:1–19

King Herod throws Peter into prison, planning to bring him to trial after Passover. The local church gets together to pray for Peter, and God responds by sending an angel to free Peter from prison.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS PREPARING A PLACE IN HEAVEN

John 14; Revelation 21

Jesus ascends to heaven to prepare a place for all those who believe in Him.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Jesus comforts His disciples by making a covenant with them and promising His return.
- Jesus likens His return to the ancient Jewish wedding tradition where a father would choose the bride for his son. If she accepted, the bridegroom would then begin to prepare a place for her in his father's house, where he would bring his bride to dwell with him.
- Jesus often uses the metaphor of a bridegroom and his bride as a way to describe the relationship between Himself and the church.

Set out some paper and crayons for your kids. **Read John 14:1–4.** Explain that the place Jesus is talking about is heaven—where everyone who believes in Jesus will go to be with Him forever. Scripture tells us there will be gold, jewels, and lots of bright light. Invite them to draw a picture of what they imagine heaven will be like. As they draw, discuss their pictures. Remind them that while we don't know exactly what heaven will look like, we do know that we'll be with God and it will be amazing!

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How do you think Jesus is preparing heaven for us?
- What do you think you'll be doing in heaven?
- How do people get to be in heaven?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how Jesus Is Preparing a Place in Heaven 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.

**See what great love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God!**

1 John 3:1a

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 filled with the hope of being together with God in heaven forever.**

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.

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