

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'S SPIRIT IS POWERFUL

Crippled Beggar

Acts 3

When Peter and John pass by a crippled man on their way to the temple, they are prompted by the Holy Spirit to show His power by healing the man. The people who see the formerly crippled man walking are amazed.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS LOVE, PART 1

Paul's Conversion

Acts 9

Paul, also known as Saul, persecutes the church until He meets Jesus on the road to Damascus.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- In Acts 9, after Christ met Paul on the road to Damascus, Paul found himself blinded for three days. He spent these days fasting and in prayer, meditating on what he had seen and heard.
- Blindness had huge social repercussions in the first century, especially to the Israelites. The Jews believed that most illnesses and deformities were the result of a sinful life. A Pharisee could not be blind; it would register him as unclean.
- Clearly, after this incident, Paul couldn't simply go back to his old life—his physical impediment wouldn't allow it. But it was his conversion to Christ, far more than his blindness, that kept him from returning to his former life.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Read **Acts 9:1–19**. Suggest that your children keep their eyes closed tightly as you read. When you've finished reading this part of The Big God Story, have your children open their eyes. Encourage them to share how they think Paul must have felt when all of a sudden, he couldn't see anything. Ask your children why they think Ananias might not have wanted to help Paul. What happened when Ananias obeyed God? Share together as a family the ways God's love changes how you think about things.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Whom does God love?
- How does God show you His love?
- How can you show His love to others?

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

“Rejoice in the LORD always. Again, I will say it again; Rejoice!!”
Philippians 4:4

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 fill you with His love and may you share that love with the people He brings into your life.**

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.