

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: JESUS IS GOD'S SON

Baptism of Jesus

Luke 3:1–22

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS WORTHY

Mary and Martha

Luke 10:38–43

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The Jewish educational system was separated into three different levels for boys.
- In Jesus' day, women faced very clear societal expectations about how they were to keep the home.
- Only the top male students—the Talmidim, or disciples—would be chosen to sit at the feet of a rabbi and imitate what he did.
- Mary disregarded societal expectations to spend time with Jesus.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Sit in a chair and encourage your children to sit at your feet. Then read **Luke 10:38–42**. Explain to them in the Jewish educational system the boys who reached the highest level of education would sit at the feet of the rabbi to learn. Ask "Why do you think Martha complained to Jesus?" and "How did Jesus respond to her?" Explain that God wants our sincere devotion—that means choosing to be with Him over anything else that takes up our time. Pray together, asking God to show you what could be keeping you from giving God the devotion He desires.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- In what ways was Mary acting like a disciple? What made her an unusual disciple?
- What did Martha want Jesus to do? How did Jesus respond?
- What are some things that distract you from devotion to God?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how Jesus is worthy of worship 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.

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

John 17:3

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 in His ways as you remain still before Him. May you know Him more and more as you quiet yourself before Him.**

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