

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 WORTHY

Mary and Martha
Luke 10:38–43

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD REQUIRES OBEDIENCE

Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders
Luke 6:46–49; Matthew 7:24–27

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The Sermon on the Mount is Jesus' longest and most in-depth teaching recorded in Scripture.
- Jesus ends this sermon with a very clear warning to not just hear His words but also act upon them.
- In this passage, the Greek word *petra*, which means rock, doesn't refer to small stones or pebbles. Instead it describes the strength of bedrock upon which we should build our lives.
- A foundation built on *ammon*, the Greek word for sand, is a shaky foundation that will wash away when storms come.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Read **Matthew 7:24-27**. Jesus said the wise man hears His words and puts them into practice. The foolish man also hears Jesus' words but doesn't obey them. Find a small rock for each person and make a permanent marker available to write a word or short phrase on the rock that indicates an area of life where they need the Holy Spirit's help to obey what God might be asking them to do. Discuss and then pray over the rocks. Place them somewhere you'll see them often to help you remember that obeying God's plan is always best!

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What did Jesus want to teach us through the parable of the wise and foolish builders?
- How can we put Jesus' teaching into practice?
- Why do you think it's important for us not just to hear God's words but also to obey them?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God requires obedience 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 you remember that Jesus has given you His words to guide you. May you learn to obey everything He has commanded, for He is with you always.**

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