

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

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Feast of Trumpets: Remembering and Celebrating God's Faithfulness

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS LOVE

Parable of the Good Samaritan
Luke 10:25–37

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The Jewish people detested the Samaritan people and considered them “half-breeds.” Samaritans descended from Jews who had intermarried with people from other nations that they'd conquered.
- The Samaritan people were pagan and did not worship the one true God.
- When Jesus used a Samaritan as an example of someone who showed true compassion, it was especially painful for the Jewish leaders to hear.
- Jesus used this story to remind His people that we should be an example of His kindness and love to all people.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Create a small care package. Include granola bars, bottled water, toiletries, fast food gift cards, etc. Place the items in a large plastic bag labeled “Blessings Bag.” Encourage your family to be on the lookout for someone you could bless with this package. Read **Luke 10:25–37**. Explain that Jesus was teaching about how we should show God's love to everyone. Jesus tells us that when we love God, we will love our neighbors, and when we love our neighbors, it expresses our love for God. Encourage your children to be on the lookout for ways to show God's love to those around them.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How do you think the experts on the Law felt when they heard this story?
- Why do you think Jesus told this parable? What was the point He was making?
- Whom does God call us to love?

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

**This is how God showed his love among us:
He sent his one and only Son into the world
that we might live through him.
1 John 4:9**

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 so you know how completely He loves you. May God's love in you pour out onto others.**

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