

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: GOD REQUIRES OBEDIENCE

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

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Feast of Trumpets: Remembering and Celebrating God's Faithfulness

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The Israelite people celebrated seven festivals: Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, Festival of First Fruits, Feast of Harvest, Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles (or Booths).
- During the feasts, the Israelites ate, danced, sang, played instruments, prayed, and offered sacrifices to God.
- The Feast of Trumpets was the first of the fall feasts. It's also called Rosh Hashanah.
- This feast is characterized by watchfulness and will be fulfilled with the Lord's second coming.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Explain to your children that during their feasts and festivals, the Israelite people would use various forms of expression to worship God. They often danced, sang, and played instruments as part of their worship experience. Encourage your children to create their own worship song, thanking God for His faithfulness. Allow them to perform their song for other family members if they're comfortable doing so. Read **Psalm 36**, a song of David, and discuss some of the things David says about God's faithfulness. Remind your children that this week at church they'll have the opportunity to remember and celebrate God's faithfulness.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What does it mean to say God is always faithful?
- What are some of the ways God has been faithful to you and your family?
- How can you respond to God's faithfulness in your life?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God is faithful into your everyday life as a family.

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 know that God's love for you stretches from the earth all the way up to heaven. His faithfulness to you reaches the sky.**

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