

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 IS GENEROUS

Giving as Worship

Luke 21:1–4; Matthew 6:19–21; 2 Corinthians 9:7

As Jesus and His disciples watch a woman give two coins to the temple offering, Jesus points out that this woman gave the most generous gift—it was all she had. God is generous to each of us so that we in turn may be generous to others.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD WANTS EVERYONE TO BE PART OF HIS FAMILY, PART 1

Lost Sheep, Coin, and Son

Matthew 18:10–14; Luke 15:1–7

Jesus tells the stories of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The Jewish leaders looked disapprovingly on tax collectors, Gentiles, and “sinners” as morally and religiously impure. They were considered lost.
- God chose the descendants of Abraham to take the message of who He is to the entire world. It was to be through the example of their relationship with God that other nations would be able to know the one true God.
- Jesus rebuked the judgmental mutterings of the Pharisees and teachers by telling three different parables with one central point: God rejoices when the lost are found (and so the Pharisees should too).

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Play a game of hide-and-seek with your children. After playing, sit down and read together the parable of the lost sheep in **Matthew 18:12–14**. Explain to your children that Jesus told this parable (story) to help us understand how much God loves us, and that He celebrates when the lost are found. Everyone is important in God's eyes. Talk together about how it feels to know that God is always watching over us.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What did the man do when one of his sheep wandered off?
- Why did the man care about the one lost sheep when he still had 99?
- How does it feel to know that God wants you to be part of His family?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Wants Everyone to Be Part of His Family 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.

**Your Father knows what you need
before you ask him.**
Matthew 6:8b

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 how much God loves you and how much He wants you to be part of His family.**

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.