

HomeFront 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 RESTORES

Healing of the Blind Man

John 9

Jesus heals a blind man by placing mud on his eyes and telling him to wash in the Pool of Siloam.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS LIFE

Lazarus

John 11

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead and shows He is the true source of life.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- In John 11:33 we see that when Jesus arrived on the scene, He was "deeply moved."
- Through the brief phrase "Jesus wept" in John 11:35, we can grasp the love and respect Jesus has for us. Jesus knows our weaknesses and struggles, and that's because He has shared them.
- Jesus knew how this would end because He has power over life and death. He knew Lazarus would be reunited with his family. And He knew the glory that would come to the Father.
- This was a necessary preview of His power over death that His friends would need to see as His own death approached.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Play a game of hide-and-seek with your children. When you can't find each other, call, "Come out, come out, wherever you are!" Gather your family and tell them you're going to read about a time Jesus called His friend to come out. **Read John 11:32–44.** Discuss how amazing it is that Jesus has power over death, including His own. Pray together and thank God for His power.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Why did Jesus bring Lazarus back to life?
- How would you have responded if you had seen Lazarus raised from the dead?
- Do you think witnessing this event would have changed your life? Why or why not?

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

I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

John 11:25–26a

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 God has power over death and that He alone gives life.**

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.