

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'S WORD IS OUR STRENGTH

Jesus' Temptation in the Wilderness

Matthew 3:13–17; 4:1–11

Jesus is our example. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Jesus went into the wilderness to be tempted. When Satan tempted Jesus, Jesus responded with God's Word. Even when Satan quoted Scripture and twisted its meaning, Jesus effectively countered with Scripture rightly interpreted. As Jesus relied on God's Word and the power of the Holy Spirit to defeat Satan, we must do the same.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD FORGIVES

Healing of the Paralyzed Man

Mark 2:1–12

Jesus was a popular teacher. One day His crowd totally filled a house. Four friends were determined to see Jesus. Their friend was paralyzed and they believed Jesus could heal him. So they went up to the roof and dug a hole. Down through the hole they lowered their friend. Jesus forgave the sins of a paralyzed man and healed him too, proving that Jesus is both God and man.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Jesus often referred to Himself as the Son of Man.
- The title "Son of Man" emphasizes Jesus humanity. The title "Son of God" emphasizes Jesus' deity.
- By calling Himself the "Son of Man" and then declaring the paralyzed man's forgiveness of sins, Jesus was declaring that he was both fully God and fully man. And by healing the man of a hopeless condition, Jesus demonstrated that He had the power He was claiming.
- In Mark 2, Jesus was bringing up this question: "Who do you think I am?" Jesus is One of a kind. He is the only One who is fully God and fully man.

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Spring Lesson 2

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Sit on the floor and look at the ceiling. Imagine hearing scratches from above . . . then seeing a hole forming . . . then watching a man being lowered into the room. **Read Mark 2:1–12** (**Fire Bible*, pp. 1237–1238). Talk about how Jesus not only healed this man's body but also forgave the man's sins. Ask your kids why they think Jesus did this. Offer a chance for your family to share areas where they may be struggling and need forgiveness. Pray, asking God for forgiveness and healing. Remind them that God loves us and wants to be in relationship with us.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Why do you think Jesus forgave the man's sins before healing his body?
- Why do we need to ask God to forgive us?
- How can we ask God for His forgiveness?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Forgives into your family's daily life.

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.

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
Hebrews 4:16

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 always seek God's forgiveness when you sin and may you rejoice in His forgiveness.**