

At Home Weekly is designed for you to use during the week with your child. You'll be reminded of what they learned last week, and can help them prepare for this week by exploring the theme (or Ponder Point) and spending time together in God's Word.

WHAT WE LEARNED LAST WEEK

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS ALWAYS KING!

Holy Week

We experienced all the wonderful and scary things that happened that Holy Week, from Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem, to the laying of His lifeless body in the tomb.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS ALIVE!

Jesus Rises

Luke Chapter 24:1-53

Jesus died and rose again!

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The Old Testament records hundreds of prophecies about the coming Messiah being the way, the truth, and the life.
- Sin is serious, and God requires blood to be "shed" to pay the penalty for the sins.
- Under the Old Covenant in the Old Testament, the priests were required by the Law to offer the blood of perfect spotless animals to be shed to pay the penalty for people's sins. This was required at various times throughout each year.
- The shedding of Jesus' blood was the beginning of the New Covenant between God and His people, where Jesus' blood was shed once for all people for all sins for all time.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Create a storytelling atmosphere by gathering in a circle and using a special chair or reading lamp. Share with your children that what they're about to hear is true. In fact, it's the foundation of our entire faith. You may also wish to mention that there are some sad parts in these passages. But this part of The Big God Story gives us hope and joy in our relationship with God both now and forever. **Read Luke 24:1-53** together. Perhaps different family members can act parts out. Discuss what it means to say Jesus is "the way, the truth, and the life." Jesus provided the way to be in relationship with God, that we can believe it's true, and that He gives us new life now and forever.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What stood out to you from this passage?
- How did it make you feel to hear about what happened to Jesus?
- How does it make you feel to know that Jesus rose from the dead and lives today?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life 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 always be thankful that God gave His Son Jesus, so you can be in relationship with Him.**

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