

At Home Weekly is designed for you to use during the week with your child to help them prepare for this Sunday by exploring the theme (or Ponder Point) and spending time together in God's Word.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED THIS WEEK

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

John 14:1-11, 10:27-30

Jesus is the Way to life forever with God!

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—particularly in the book of Isaiah in the four “servant songs,” which the prophet wrote 700 years before the birth of Jesus.
- In Isaiah 53, the prophet describes a Savior who would take upon “the iniquity of us all,” who would be “a man of suffering, and familiar with pain,” and who would have “no beauty or majesty to attract us to him.”
- Isaiah even prophesied specifics about Jesus' death. He used terms such as “pierced” and “crushed” (53:5) and described the Messiah as “disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness” (52:14). Considering the beatings and torture Christ was subjected to, we can assume He was disfigured beyond recognition.

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 John 18:1—20:18** together. 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.