

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 IS TRUSTWORTHY

Solomon, Part 2

1 Kings 6—11

Solomon, at the beginning of his reign, served God wholeheartedly. Because he honored God, God richly blessed him. But over his long, rich lifetime Solomon chose his foreign wives and their foreign gods over the one true God. Solomon's heart began to harden toward the God who had blessed him so wonderfully. His story cautions us to serve God wholeheartedly for our entire lives.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Feast of Pentecost: God Is Lord of the Harvest

The Feast of Pentecost occurred 50 days after the Feast of First Fruits. It was in a way a second feast of first fruits. At the Feast of First Fruits, the Israelites offered to God their first sheaves from their barley harvest. At Pentecost, the Israelites gave to God loaves of bread baked from the very first of their wheat harvest. God provided both the early harvest of barley and the second harvest of wheat. God is the Lord of the Harvest. He provides abundantly for His people.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The Israelites celebrated seven annual feasts and festivals: Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, Feast of First Fruits, Feast of Pentecost (Harvest), Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Feast of Tabernacles (or Booths).
- With the exception of the Day of Atonement, the Israelites ate, danced, sang, played instruments, prayed, and offered sacrifices to God during their feasts and festivals. The Day of Atonement is a solemn day of fasting and prayer.
- On the first Feast of Pentecost after Jesus returned to heaven, the Holy Spirit first baptized believers. That day there was a great harvest of 3,000 souls. Today, the Holy Spirit continues to enable Jesus' followers to harvest souls.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Set aside an evening to remember and celebrate as a family. Just as the Israelite celebrations revolved around feasts, create a "feast" for your family. Eat something special and spend time remembering what God has done in the life of your family and in each of you individually. **Read Psalm 145** (**Fire Bible*, pp. 759–760). When you're finished reading, tell your children that this week in church they will have another opportunity to remember and celebrate all that God has done in their lives.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What are some ways God has provided for you?
- How do you feel knowing that God will always provide for you?
- How will you thank God today for His abundant provision in your life?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities in your everyday life as a family to talk about how God is Lord of the Harvest.

REMEMBER VERSE

This week, pause and review the Remember Verses your child has learned in the past few weeks.

*He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.*

Isaiah 40:29

*How abundant are the good things that you have stored up
for those who fear you, that you bestow in the sight of all,
on those who take refuge in you.*

Psalms 31:19

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 our God provide you with love, joy, peace, and comfort this week! He is our abundant provider and we can always trust Him.

For more information about blessing your child, go to <https://trufirecurriculum.com>. And for more creative ideas on spiritually leading your family, visit HomeFrontMag.com.

