**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 you 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 is the promise

**The Birth of Jesus**

Luke 2:8–20

God’s people, the Israelites, knew God would send a Messiah. They weren’t expecting God to send Him to earth as a humble servant, yet that was God’s plan. Instead of being born in the palace of a large city, Jesus was born in a stable in the small town of Bethlehem.

Where We’re Headed Next time

Ponder point: god is our king

**Crowning of Saul**

1 Samuel 10:17–25

God’s people decided they really wanted to be led by a human king, even though God is their true King. God gave them what they wanted and chose a man named Saul to be the first king of Israel.

Did you know?

• Prior to having a king in place, the Israelites were led by judges and prophets.

• Scripture tells us that God had plans to establish a monarchy in Israel even before the Israelites asked God for their king.

• As the Israelites felt the threat of approaching enemies, they were no longer content to wait on God’s timing and demanded a king immediately.

Connect as a family

Ask your children to list as many things they can think of about kings. Discuss some kings they may have read about or seen in movies. Share that one thing all kings have in common is that they rule over the people in their kingdom. Read **1 Samuel 10:17–25**. Explain that God’s people wanted a king to rule over them—exactly like the other countries around them. Share that God warned against this. They were His children in His kingdom and He wanted to be their King, just like He wants to be your King today.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

• Why did the people want a king?

• Who was the king God gave them?

• How can we show God that we want Him to be our King?

Extend these questions into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Is Our King 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.

Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

Isaiah 25:1

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 that God is your King. May you praise Him always.**

For more information about blessing your child, go to [truministry.com](http://www.truministry.com) to the Parenting tab. And for more creative ideas on spiritually leading your family, visit [HomeFrontMag.com](http://www.HomeFrontMag.com).