**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: god leads his church

**The Early Church**

Acts 11

Through a vision, God showed Peter and the early church that they needed to change the way they were living.

Where We’re Headed Next time

PONDER POINT: god IS TRUSTWORTHY

**Peter in Prison**

Acts 12:1–17

Peter was taken to prison for talking about Jesus. The people of God prayed for Peter. God answered their prayers by sending an angel who led Peter out of jail to safety.

Did you know?

• At the time of Peter’s imprisonment, the early church was growing very quickly.

• Jewish leaders asked Herod to do something to stop the growth of the church, which led to the persecution of the disciples.

• When Peter was arrested, believers gathered and prayed fervently. God responded with Peter’s miraculous release by an angel.

Connect as a family

Take turns telling knock-knock jokes. After everyone has told her favorite joke, share that you’re going to read a part of The Big God Story where Peter knocked on the door and no one believed it was him. Explain to your children that Peter had just been rescued from prison by an angel. He knew it was God who sent the angel to free him. Then read **Acts 12:11–17**. Ask your children why they think no one believed it was Peter knocking at the door. Discuss how God can be trusted to take care of us even when it seems impossible.

*After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:*

• Do you think Peter was happy or sad when he saw the angel?

• How do you think you would feel if you saw an angel?

• Who did Peter go to see after he was freed from prison?

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

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

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 remember that you can trust God.**

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).