

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 AUGUST 13

PONDER POINT: GOD CALLS US TO LIFE WITH HIM

Paul in Rome

Acts 27—28

Paul survived a shipwreck and then went to Rome.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED AUGUST 20

PONDER POINT: GOD IS THE BEGINNING AND THE END

Promise of Jesus' Return

Revelation 19:11–21; 21—22

Jesus is coming again!

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- To a first-century audience, riding on a donkey represented humility and peace.
- In contrast, riding on a horse represented status and power. It also represented war. Military leaders, especially those in the Roman army, rode on horseback.
- Contrary to prophecy in Zechariah 9:9, which described the Messiah as "lowly and riding on a donkey," the Israelites yearned for God to send a great king who would destroy their enemies in war.
- In Revelation 19, we see a picture of our Savior riding on a white horse. In the Roman world, white symbolized victory. God will ultimately have victory and reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Before you read The Big God Story this week, give your children some paper and markers or colored pencils. Then **read Revelation 19:11–16; 21:1–7, 10–23**. When you're done, invite your kids to draw pictures of what they imagine heaven will be like. Encourage them to tell you about their pictures. Explain that while we don't know exactly what heaven will be like, we do know we will be with God forever!

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What kinds of things does God say will happen in heaven?
- Why will there be no sun or moon in heaven?
- How do you know Jesus will return?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about God as the Beginning and the End 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 experience joy because of the gift that God has given you—the gift of eternal life with Him.**

For more information about blessing your child, go to tru ministry.com to the Parenting tab. And for more creative ideas on spiritually leading your family, visit HomeFrontMag.com.