

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 APRIL 15

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS ALIVE

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

John 20

Jesus visited His disciples after His resurrection.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED APRIL 22

PONDER POINT: JESUS REDEEMS

Jesus Reinstates Peter

John 21

Jesus redeemed Peter.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Simon Peter was considered to be one of Jesus' closest friends. Peter was passionate and overzealous—often overeager and outspoken. He was the first disciple to declare Jesus was the Messiah.
- Jesus shared that one of His disciples would betray Him. Peter adamantly vowed He would never deny Jesus. Yet days after Peter's sworn allegiance, he denied Jesus—three times!
- For someone with such a volatile personality, it's interesting that Jesus would rename him "Peter," which means "the rock." But Jesus had the authority to give Peter this identity and the power to transform him to live in this identity.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

At breakfast, **read John 21:1–19** together. Ask your children why they think Peter jumped in the water when he realized it was Jesus standing on the shore. Then talk together about what type of conversations you might have with Jesus if He was eating breakfast with you. Ask your kids what they think Jesus meant when He asked Peter to feed His sheep. Discuss together how you as a family can find ways to let others know that God loves them and wants to redeem them.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- If you had been Peter, how would you have responded when you saw Jesus?
- What does it mean that Jesus redeems?
- How did Jesus redeem Peter after he had denied Jesus three times?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how Jesus redeems 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.

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The I know live in the body, I live by faith in the son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
Galatians 2:20

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 the full, large, real life of Jesus here on this earth and in all of eternity. May His life give you strength and joy.**

For more information about blessing your child, talk to your ministry leader or see *Spiritual Parenting* by Michelle Anthony.