

**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 5

### PONDER POINT: GOD IS LOVE

Letter to the Corinthians  
1 Corinthians 12—13

## WHERE WE'RE HEADED AUGUST 12

### PONDER POINT: GOD IS WISDOM

Letter from James  
James 3

## DID YOU KNOW?

*Share these facts to get the conversation started.*

- The book of James has sometimes been called "the Proverbs of the New Testament."
- Because God is wisdom, James uses (and points us to) Old Testament wisdom literature to lead us toward a life of faith-filled wisdom.
- James 1:5 says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God ... and it will be given to you." This is reminiscent of Proverbs 2:3–6, which says, "If you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding ... then you will understand the fear of the Lord ... For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."

## CONNECT AS A FAMILY

This week, ask each family member to write down words that come to mind when they think about wisdom. Invite them to share their thoughts. Then ask, "What kinds of people do you think are wise?" After your family members respond, let them know you'll be reading a part of The Big God Story that reveals the source of true wisdom. Read **James 3:13–18** together. God is wisdom, and if we ask Him for wisdom, He promises to give it to us.

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

- What is wisdom?
- What's the difference between the "wisdom" of the world and God's wisdom?
- How does this passage describe God's wisdom?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God gives wisdom 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 God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus.**  
1 Thessalonians 5:23

## 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 have the courage to ask for wisdom. May you know that God is wisdom, and may you trust Him to guide you in all that you do.**

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