

**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 DECEMBER 10

### PONDER POINT: THE LORD IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

#### Jeremiah

Jeremiah 23:5–6

Jeremiah prophesied about Jesus in the Old Testament.

## WHERE WE'RE HEADED DECEMBER 17

### PONDER POINT: GOD'S SON BRINGS PEACE

#### Birth of Jesus

Luke 2: 1–20

Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

## DID YOU KNOW?

*Share these facts to get the conversation started.*

- Old Testament prophecies describe the Messiah as a Ruler who brings peace to Israel and the nations.
- To the Romans, peace meant the subjugation of their enemies and the establishment of order.
- The word for peace in the Greek is *eirene*, which translates in Hebrew as *shalom*. In the Bible, peace refers to more than the lack of conflict; it encompasses the actions one undergoes to bring about restoration and wholeness.
- This understanding of peace is completely different from the Pax Romana under Augustus at the time.

## CONNECT AS A FAMILY

As you drive around this week, point out different road signs to your kids. Ask what they think each sign means. Later, at home, gather your family and read **Luke 2:1–20**. Ask everyone to identify a sign from this portion of Scripture and share what this sign represented. Remind them of what the angels said to the shepherds: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace" (v. 14). Share with your kids that God's Son brings us peace with God.

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

- Why did Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem?
- Why did God send His Son?
- How can we respond to the good news of God's Son bringing peace?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God's Son brings peace 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.*

**The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.**  
Zephaniah 3:17

## 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 God's peace in your life. May you be encouraged to share the good news of His peace with others.**

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