

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 JANUARY 28

PONDER POINT: GOD RESCUES

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego Daniel 3 God rescued Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego when they were thrown into a furnace.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED FEBRUARY 4

PONDER POINT: GOD IS REAL Daniel Daniel 6 God saved Daniel from a den of lions.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

• In Daniel 6, Daniel faces a monumental test of faith: Pray to God and face death. But he continues to pray three times a day.

• To get a glimpse of the heart of Daniel's prayers, we only have to look a few chapters over, to Daniel 9. Here Daniel asks God to forgive Israel's sins and look upon the nation with favor in the coming years.

• Daniel prays with urgency: "Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act!" (Daniel 9:19).

• The answer from God discusses the fate of Daniel's people for the rest of time. God doesn't just promise that the Messiah will come; God also tells them when.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Spend some time with your children exploring information about lions. Look at photos of lions, see how long they live, find out what they like to eat—or search for any other interesting facts about lions. When you're finished with your research, read **Daniel 6** together to hear how God saved Daniel from some hungry lions. Ask your children why they think the lions didn't attack Daniel. Ask them how the king responded when he realized Daniel was safe.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Why was it amazing that the lions didn't eat Daniel?
- · How did God save Daniel from the lions' den?
- How did Daniel's time in the lions' den prove to the king that God is real?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God is real 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.

Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails. Proverbs 19:21

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 that our God is real, that He is the living God, and that He has the power to save and rescue you. May you see His work in your life.

For more information about blessing your child, go to truministry.com to the Parenting tab. And for more creative ideas on spiritually leading your family, visit <u>HomeFrontMag.com</u>.

