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Lesson 4.2

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 JUNE 3

PONDER POINT: GOD IS POWERFUL
Ascension
Acts 1—2; Luke 24:52–53
Jesus ascended into heaven and the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED JUNE 10

PONDER POINT: GOD'S SPIRIT UNIFIES, PART 1
Philip
Acts 8:1–8, 26–40
Philip told an Ethiopian eunuch the good news about Jesus.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

• In Acts we read how God's Spirit uni ed many different people to become His family. Acts 8 gives us a speci c example of this as we see how God brought an Ethiopian eunuch into the faith community.

• This man wasn't just a Gentile from a distant land; he was also a eunuch—a man who, because of his physical condition, was considered by the Jews to live in a constant state of ritual impurity (Leviticus 21:16–23).

• A prophecy in Isaiah held hope: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose what pleases me ... to them I will give ... a name better than sons and daughters" (Isaiah 56:4–5). This prophecy spoke of the day when Jesus would ful ll the Law and give everyone the opportunity to join His family.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

One evening, after dinner, bring your family together and read **Acts 8:26–40**. Verse 29 tells us "the Spirit told Philip." Share with your children that the Holy Spirit also speaks to us in the natural moments of our everyday lives. Ask your children if they've ever felt led or nudged by the Holy Spirit. Then share a time in your life when you felt God's Spirit leading you. Explain to your children that they can ask God to lead them through His Spirit, who uni es us as members of God's family.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

• What did God's Spirit tell Philip to do, and how did Philip respond?
• How have you seen God's Spirit bring people together in your faith community?
• What do you enjoy doing with your faith community?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God's Spirit unifies 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.

So, do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
Isaiah 41:10

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 the unity that comes from God's Spirit. May you carry God's message of hope and salvation to the ends of the earth.**

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

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