

**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 24

### PONDER POINT: GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

Peter delivered from prison

Acts 12:1–9

God released Peter from prison.

## WHERE WE'RE HEADED JULY 1

### PONDER POINT: GOD SPEAKS

Lydia and Philippi

Acts 16:6–15

Paul spoke to Lydia and she responded to his message.

## DID YOU KNOW?

*Share these facts to get the conversation started.*

- King Herod Agrippa ruled over the Palestinian territory from A.D. 41–44 and was committed to maintaining *Pax Romana*—Latin for “Roman Peace.” This meant keeping the Jewish religious leaders happy or else risking the threat of an uprising.
- When the new church community began to welcome Gentiles, many in the Jewish community were outraged. To show solidarity with the Jews, Herod began to persecute the leaders of the early church (Acts 12:1).
- While Herod strategically planned to kill off the early church leaders and destroy the entire movement, he had no clue about the forces against him. Through prayer, the early church took the battle to God, and God miraculously intervened.

## CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Take some time to look at a map of Paul's missionary journeys (check out the Internet or the back of a Bible). Then read **Acts 16:6–15**. Discuss Paul's travels in this passage and the way God spoke to him and led him. God loves to speak to His children. He can speak to us too! Share with your children a time when God spoke to you and how you responded. Talk with your children about listening for God's voice and how we can submit to what He asks us to do.

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

- How did God speak to Paul?
- What did God call Paul and his companions to do?
- What are some ways God speaks to us today?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God speaks 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 hear God when He speaks to you, and may you respond in obedience. May you walk in His ways this week.**

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