

**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 JULY 1

### PONDER POINT: GOD SPEAKS

Lydia and Philippi

Acts 16:6–15

Paul spoke to Lydia and she responded to his message.

## WHERE WE'RE HEADED JULY 8

### REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

**Feast of Tabernacles: Remembering and Celebrating God's Abundant Blessings**

### DID YOU KNOW?

*Share these facts to get the conversation started.*

- The Israelites celebrated seven annual festivals: Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, Festival of First Fruits, Feast of Harvest, Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles (or Booths).
- During the festivals, the Israelites ate, danced, sang, played instruments, prayed, and offered sacrifices to God.
- God's people celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles with thanksgiving to remember God's many blessings. For seven days they lived in tents or temporary shelters they decorated with colorful ornaments.
- The New Testament significance of this feast reminds us that this life is temporary, and that all of our lifelong dreams, hopes, and aspirations will one day be fulfilled in our future home and inheritance with Jesus.

## CONNECT AS A FAMILY

One day this week, set up a simple tent—maybe a pop-up tent in your backyard or a blanket fort in your living room. Gather everyone inside and share some snacks as you remember and celebrate God's blessings. The Israelites remembered God's blessings when they celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles. Read **Deuteronomy 16:13–15**. Talk together about the importance of taking time to remember and celebrate all God has done and continues to do. End your time by thanking God for all the ways He's blessed your family.

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

- What did God's people celebrate at the Feast of Tabernacles?
- How has God blessed your family?
- How might God use you to be a blessing to others?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about God's abundant blessings into your everyday life as a family.

## 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 your heart be full of gratefulness because of God's many blessings. May you use the blessings God has given you to bless others.**

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