

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 APRIL 29

PONDER POINT: GOD IS THE LORD OF THE SABBATH

Sabbath

Matthew 12:1–4

Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED MAY 6

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS FREEDOM

Rich Fool

Luke 12:13–21

Jesus told a parable about a rich fool.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- In Luke 12, a man asks Jesus a question about an inheritance. As He often does, Jesus sees through the question to the real issue simmering behind the scenes: The issue of worry. Jesus offers the man freedom from worry.
- Jesus tells a parable about a rich fool solely focused on material possessions. The rich fool wanted more and more possessions to secure his own future—placing his trust in himself, rather than in God.
- Trust essentially means leaving the matter in the hands of God—and if He is sovereign, truly in control, then there's no reason for us to be anxious. God has an amazing track record of providing for His people.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

One night this week, gather everyone together before bedtime—maybe even with everyone in pajamas! Open the Bible together and **read Luke 12:13–21**. Discuss God's response to this man. Then **read Luke 12:22–31**. Discuss with your children the kinds of things that God cares for, such as plants and animals. Then discuss what this tells us about how God will care for us. Jesus tells us to not worry, because He will care for us. He wants us to place our trust in Him because He is freedom!

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What happened to the man who stored up things for himself?
- How does Jesus promise to provide for us?
- What does it mean that Jesus is freedom?

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

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

John 17:3

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 Jesus is freedom. May you trust Him with all of your needs and know that He cares for you each day.**

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