

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 OCTOBER 22

PONDER POINT: GOD IS THE ONE TRUE GOD

Ten Commandments

Exodus 19—20

God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED OCTOBER 29

PONDER POINT: GOD INITIATES RELATIONSHIP

Mount Sinai

Exodus 24

God made a covenant with His people.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- God initiated relationship with the future Israelites through the covenant He made with Abram (later Abraham).
- In Exodus 19—24, God gave His people the Ten Commandments as part of the Mosaic covenant. This marked the beginning of a new era in the history of God's people.
- The Mosaic covenant demanded not only that the Israelites conform to a set of laws but also that their hearts be oriented toward God.
- The Mosaic covenant also gave a foretaste of what was to come—the new covenant that would not be written on tablets of stone but on the hearts and in the minds of all those who believe (Hebrews 8:10).

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Surprise your children by preparing them a sweet treat—maybe cookies, ice cream, or another treat they don't eat very often. When the treat is ready, call your children to the table. Spend some time talking with them about their day or just enjoying one another's company. **Read Exodus 24:12–18.** Tell your children that similar to how you called them to the table and initiated your time together, God initiated relationship with His people—and continued to pursue them through Moses. Explain that God calls each one of us to relationship with Him through faith in His Son, Jesus.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Why does God want a relationship with people?
- How does it make you feel to know that God wants to have a relationship with you?
- Do you have a relationship with God? If so, would you like to tell us about it?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about God Initiates Relationship 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 God remind you this week that He reaches out to you and invites you to be a part of His story through the love and grace of Jesus.**

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 HomeFrontMag.com.