***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 this week

ponder point: Jesus KNows Everything

**Woman at the Well**

John 1:1–42

When Jesus asked a Samaritan woman for water, He surprised her. He was a Jewish man. In that time, men did not often speak to women who were not from their family. Neither did Jews often speak to Samaritans. But Jesus was using this unusual conversation to invite a lost soul into right relationship with God. When the conversation ended with Jesus declaring that He was the Messiah, the woman was ready to believe. That day, the Samaritan woman discovered that the Messiah, Jesus, knew all about her and still loved her.

Where We’re Headed Next time

ponder point: jesus seeks and saves

**Zacchaeus**

Luke 19:1–10

Jesus sees beneath our exteriors to our hearts. At Jericho, Jesus didn’t just see a short man or a man so resourceful (and desperate) that he would climb a tree. Neither did Jesus just see a wealthy tax collector who had been known to cut a corner occassionally in his tax business. No, Jesus also saw a man with a hungry heart, a man willing to humble himself before God and man for the privilege of gaining right relationship with God. And that is why Jesus went to Zacchaeus’ house—to seek and save a tax collector, a sinner, but a man hungry for God.

Did you know?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

• Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector, which meant he was most likely a very wealthy man. Tax collectors were known for their shady dealings.

• The Mosaic law covered cheating and stealing. Leviticus 6:2–5 says that if some-one cheats a neighbor, he must return what he took and add one-fifth (20 percent) of the value as a trespass offering. In Exodus 22:1 it states that if a man steals some-thing, he must pay back four (or even five) times what he stole.

• Because Zacchaeus’ heart had been changed by his encounter with Jesus, Zacchaeus declared he would do all that the law required—and more!

• After making this declaration, Zacchaeus repented and turned from his sinful life.

Connect as a family

Have your children choose their two favorite toys. They can hold onto their toys while you **read Luke 19:1–10** (\**Fire Bible*, p. 1301)**.** Explain to your children that after Zacchaeus met Jesus, he gave half of everything he owned to the poor. Next, ask your kids how they would feel if you asked them to give away one of their two favorite toys. Discuss together how it might feel to give away things you love. Remind them that Jesus didn’t ask Zacchaeus to do this; Zacchaeus did it on his own because he was so grateful that Jesus saved him.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

• What part of this encounter between Jesus and Zacchaeus surprised you?

• Who are the lost? Why did Jesus come to seek and save them?

• How does it make you feel to know Jesus came to save you?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God seeks and saves into your everyday life as a family.

Remember verse

The Remember Verse focuses on a character trait of God that’s highlighted in The Big God Story.

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139:23–24

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 seeks after you. May you accept His salvation and walk in obedience to the Holy Spirit so you can bring other lost people to Jesus.**

For more information about blessing your child, go to [myhealthychurch.com/trufire](http://trufire.myhealthychurch.com/). And for more creative ideas on spiritually leading your family, visit [HomeFrontMag.com](http://www.homefrontmag.com/).