

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 IS KING

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:4–5; Mark 11:1–11; John 12:12–19

A few days before His death, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey as crowds shout "Hosanna" to praise Him. That day, Jesus fulfilled Zechariah 9:9 and the crowds were overjoyed that their king had come. But Jesus did not come to conquer worldly kingdoms that day. He came to conquer sin and death and evil. But someday He will rule as King of kings and Lord of lords.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

Feast of Trumpets: Remembering and Celebrating God's Faithfulness

The Feast of Trumpets is the first of the fall Jewish holidays. The Jewish people call this feast *Rosh Hashanah*, which literally means "head of the year," as it's observed as the start of the civil year on the Jewish calendar (in contrast with the religious year, which starts with Passover). This celebration focused on the faithfulness of God. It consisted of a day of rest, a food offering to God, and the blowing of trumpets. This day marked the approach of the most holy day of the Jewish year, the Day of Atonement, ten days later. It was and is a reminder to put your life in order so you are ready when God judges. God is faithful to warn His people to be ready for His judgment.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The Israelite people celebrated seven holidays: Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, Feast of First Fruits, Feast of Pentecost (Harvest), Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles.
- Six holidays were feasts, so the Israelites ate, danced, sang, played instruments, prayed, and offered sacrifices to God. The Day of Atonement is a solemn day of fasting and repentance.

FAMILY

Set aside an evening to remember and celebrate as a family. Create a "feast" for your family. Do something special and spend the time remembering what God has done in the lives of your family members. **Read Psalm 98** (**Fire Bible*, p. 726). Do what Psalm 98:4 says and shout for joy to the Lord as you declare His faithfulness. If you have a horn or trumpet, blow it in celebration of all God has done. Tell your children that this week in church they will have an opportunity to remember and celebrate God's faithfulness to all of His children.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What does *faithful* mean?
- How could someone show that he is faithful?
- When has God been faithful to you?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about God's faithfulness 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.

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

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 trust in God whose faithfulness is bigger than we can ever imagine. He loves you, hears you, and rejoices in you. May you remember His faithfulness this week.**

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