

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: GOD IS GRACIOUS

Parable of the Workers in the Field

Matthew 20:1–16

Jesus tells the parable of the workers in the vineyard to illustrate God's grace in providing salvation to all. Those who accept salvation on their deathbeds receive eternal life in heaven just as much as those who live their entire lives for God. Though it may not always seem fair by human standards, God offers His grace to everyone. However, since none of us can earn salvation, it is actually perfectly fair that all can receive the gift of salvation freely offered by God.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: JESUS IS THE GOOD NEWS

Great Commission

Matthew 28:16–20

After He rose from the dead, Jesus appeared to His disciples to tell them what to do next. He told them to share the good news of salvation with everyone everywhere. The good news of Jesus is for everyone. Just as Jesus wanted His disciples to share the good news of Jesus, He calls us to share the good news of Jesus with others.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The eleven disciples knew to meet Jesus in Galilee because at the Last Supper He told them to meet Him there (Matthew 26:32) and because He told the women who found the empty tomb to give them the instructions again (Matthew 28:7).
- In Matthew 1:23 Jesus is called *Immanuel*, which means, "God with us." In the last verse of Matthew, Jesus promises to be with His followers as they go to the nations.
- The Greek word for disciple is *mathetes*, which means "student" or "learner."
- Water baptism is an outer sign of trust and obedience to God.



CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Talk about methods of communication such as telephones or the internet. Discuss how your family likes to share news. Read **Matthew 28:16–20** (**Fire Bible for Kids*, p. 1233). Ask your children how Jesus communicated His message to His followers while He was on earth. Jesus both taught His followers the words of God and also lived out God's commands with them each day. Jesus told His disciples to “go” and tell others about God. He didn't give a method; He just told them to go. The possibilities for sharing that Jesus is the Good News are endless! Pray and ask God to show you how He is calling your family to “go” and make disciples this week. How can you communicate the good news?

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What did Jesus' disciples do when they saw Him on the mountain?
- What are some of God's commands?
- What is the good news of Jesus that we can share with others?

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

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! Isaiah 30:18

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 celebrate that Jesus is the Good News and may you share His love with others.**

For more information about blessing your child, go to <https://trufirecurriculum.com>. And for more creative ideas on spiritually leading your family, visit HomeFrontMag.com.

