

HomeFront 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 LEADS

Temptation in the Wilderness

Matthew 3:13–17; 4:1–11

Jesus faces temptations from Satan while in the wilderness and responds with Scripture.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD FORGIVES

Healing of the Paralyzed Man

Mark 2:1–12

Jesus forgives the sins of a paralyzed man and heals him too.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- More than any other term, Jesus referred to Himself as the Son of Man.
- In Jesus' day, this term could have been perceived two different ways—the first being simply a man, and the second being the Messiah.
- We can infer that when Jesus referred to Himself as the Son of Man, He was making a statement. He was declaring both His humanity and His divinity.
- Jesus was seemingly always trying to bring the question "Who do you think I am?" to the forefront, challenging those around Him to make a decision about His authority.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Sit on the floor and look at the ceiling. Imagine hearing scratches from above ... then seeing a hole forming ... then watching a man being lowered into the room.

Read Mark 2:1–12. Talk about how Jesus not only healed this man's body but also his heart by forgiving the man's sins. Ask your children why they think Jesus did this. Offer a chance for your family to share areas where they may be struggling and in need of forgiveness. Pray, asking God for forgiveness and healing. Remind them that God forgives us because He loves us and wants to be in relationship with us.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Why do you think Jesus forgave the man's sins before healing his body?
- Why do we need to ask God to forgive us?
- How can we ask Him for that forgiveness?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Forgives 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 the 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 find grace and healing and trust that God's grace covers your sins.**

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.