

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'S POWER CHANGES ME FROM THE INSIDE OUT

Galatians and the Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:13–2

Paul wrote the book of Galatians to churches that were struggling with whether or not they had to obey Jewish religious laws to be saved. Paul's answer was a resounding NO. The book of Galatians makes it plain that salvation is through faith in Jesus alone. But then Paul points out that while the Jewish religious laws about diet and circumcision were not required, the law of loving your neighbor as yourself was still required. Believers are to be changed from the inside out to think, feel, and act like Jesus. It is not about works, but about God's power at work in us until we are transformed to display the Fruit of the Spirit in our lives.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS CONTENTMENT

Letter to the Philippians

Philippians 3—4

Paul was born into a relatively influential family because he had Roman citizenship and was educated by a top Jewish rabbi. But Paul also knew what it was like to be arrested, jailed, publicly beaten, and stoned nearly to death. He had been sleep-deprived, hungry, cold, and shipwrecked. (See 2 Corinthians 11.) Paul's conclusion after all this? "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. . . . I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation" (Philippians 4:11–12). In Philippians, the Holy Spirit speaking through Paul encourages believers to rely on God and learn contentment in all circumstances.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- We gather from 2 Corinthians 8:1–2 that by the time Paul wrote Philippians, the churches in that region had suffered poverty and persecution.
- Unlike other early churches, the church at Philippi wasn't overcome by serious problems of doctrine, heresy, or sin.
- Paul most likely wrote the letter to the Philippians while imprisoned in Rome. From prison Paul instructed the Philippians on how to be content in all circumstances.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Before you read this week's passage, ask your children what makes them feel content. Do they think having more things would make them content? What are those things? Would they feel more content if certain situations in their lives were different? If so, what are those situations? Then read **Philippians 4:4–9** (**Fire Bible, p.1467*). Explain to your children that true contentment doesn't depend on what we possess or our circumstances. Instead, contentment comes from God.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What does it mean to think about things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and admirable?
- What are some examples of these things?
- What should we do when we're anxious?
- Where in your life do you need God to help you be more content?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for ways to bring into your everyday life conversations about how God gives us contentment.

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.

**Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose
is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit,
guaranteeing what is to come.
2 Corinthians 5:5**

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 the God who satisfies. May His Holy Spirit work in you to give you contentment even on the hardest days. In every situation, may you trust that God is working everything together for good.**





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