

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 BLESSES

Genesis 25:19–34; 27:1–41; 32:1—33:11

God chose Jacob to receive the blessing of Abraham and Isaac, the blessing of the Redeemer coming from his family. But Jacob's character prevented him from enjoying the blessing God had for him. Then one night, Jacob wrestled with a Man who was God in human form. At the end of that night God prevailed and injured Jacob's hip. That night God also blessed Jacob, giving him the new name of Israel. This new name was a sign of Jacob's new, godly character.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS GOOD

Genesis 37; 39—50

Joseph's brothers become so jealous of him that they sold him into slavery in Egypt. In Egypt, Joseph was falsely accused and thrown in jail. But God was with Joseph and gave him success both as a slave and as a prisoner. Then God ended Joseph's time of suffering when Joseph was raised from jailed slave to second-in-command of Egypt. God used Joseph to save many lives, including the lives of his family.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery because they were jealous of him.
- God placed Joseph as second-in-command of Egypt, an unheard of position for someone who was a former slave and former prisoner!
- God used Joseph's life experiences, both good and bad, to train him for what he would accomplish later in life.
- God used Joseph to save many lives, including those of his own family. He reunited with his brothers during the great famine as they came to him for food.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Spend some extra time with your children while putting them to bed. Begin a conversation about the things that worry them. Share with them that God is good; He will work all things together for good. Then read the story of Joseph in **Genesis 37:3–28; 41:14–43; 45:3–8** (**Fire Bible, pp. 49, 53–54, 58*). Share with your children how good God is. Talk with them about the many ways He used the events in Joseph's life for good.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What does it mean to trust and rely on God?
- What are some of the ways Joseph had to trust God?
- How have you seen God's goodness in your life?

These questions can easily extend into the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God is good 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.

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments. Deuteronomy 7:9

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 God is good all the time. May you learn to trust and depend on Him. May the Holy Spirit comfort and guide you during difficult times, giving you hope for the good future God has for you.**

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

