

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 FAITHFUL

Jacob Wrestles with God

Genesis 27:41—28:21; 32—33

Jacob's name meant cheater. And he was a cheater. After cheating his brother Esau out of the Abrahamic blessing, Jacob had to run for his life. But even as Jacob ran, God appeared to him in a dream, assuring Jacob that he would indeed be blessed as Abraham was. Twenty years later, Jacob obeyed God and returned home. The night before he met Esau, Jacob wrestled the entire night with a Man who was God in human form. Jacob tenaciously refused to let go until God blessed him. God's blessing was to change Jacob's name from cheater to *Israel*. The next day, God reunited Jacob and Esau, and their relationship was repaired.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD REDEEMS

Joseph's Trials

Genesis 37; 39—41

Joseph's life was full of ups and downs, but God always redeemed Joseph's negative experiences. Joseph's jealous older brothers wanted to kill him, but instead sold him as a slave. In Egypt, God redeemed Joseph's slavery and he became the chief of the household. Then a false sexual assault accusation landed Joseph in jail. God redeemed Joseph's prison time by giving him a position of leadership. Then God miraculously redeemed Joseph from prison and placed him on the throne as second-in-command of Egypt. God redeemed Joseph from all his difficulties.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Joseph was his father Jacob's favorite son because he was the firstborn son of Jacob's favorite wife, Rachel.
- Joseph's brothers were so jealous of him that they faked his death and sold him into slavery.
- While Joseph was working in the home of Potiphar, he was framed by Potiphar's wife and thrown into prison.
- God redeemed Joseph's imprisonment and blessed him in spite of the difficult circumstances he faced.



CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Pray together as a family. Spend some time asking God what He might want each of you to hear from Him. **Read Genesis 37:12–36 and 41:41–49** (**Fire Bible, pp. 49,50,54*). Tell your children that God redeemed Joseph, and He redeems each one of us. Share a story showing God's redemption in your own life. Let your kids know God can redeem their stories as well.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What did Joseph's brothers do to him? Why did they do this?
- How did God redeem each of Joseph's negative situations?
- Is there anything in your life you would like God to redeem?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God redeems 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.

**Being confident of this, that he who began a
good work in you will carry it on to completion
until the day of Christ Jesus.
Philippians 1:6**

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 the God of Israel redeems. May you trust in God as your personal Redeemer.**

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.

