

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 FORGIVES

Healing of the Paralyzed Man

Mark 2:1–12

Jesus was a popular teacher. One day His crowd totally filled a house. Four friends were determined to see Jesus. Their friend was paralyzed and they believed Jesus could heal him. So they went up to the roof and dug a hole. Down through the hole they lowered their friend. Jesus forgave the sins of a paralyzed man and healed him too, proving that Jesus is both God and man.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS HELP

Healing of the Leper, Jairus's Daughter, Sick Woman

Matthew 8:1–4; 9:18–26; Mark 5:21–43

Some needs are so great that only God's can meet them. Jesus responded to three people whose needs were so great they required God's help. A leper had an incurable disease. He called out to Jesus for help and he was made whole. A woman with an embarrassing illness reached out to touch Jesus' hem and was healed. Jairus's daughter was dying. He called out to Jesus for help and Jesus raised his daughter back to life. No problem is too big for Jesus.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Leprosy was contagious and incurable. Lepers were exiled from others so they couldn't spread the disease. But Jesus touched the leprous man and healed him.
- Anyone who touched the woman with the issue of blood became ceremonially unclean. But Jesus responded in love to her need instead of in anger for her risking making Him ceremonially unclean.
- According to Jewish law, touching a dead body made one unclean. But Jesus touched Jairus's daughter.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Make up a family handshake. Try to incorporate at least 10 actions or touch points (such as elbow to elbow or hip to hip) into it. Talk about how much love is shared through touch. **Read Matthew 8:1–4** (**Fire Bible*, p. 1200). Jesus chose to heal this man by touching him—even though he had leprosy, a contagious disease. Hold hands and have a time of prayer for whoever needs help. Lay your hands on anyone in your family who would like specific prayer.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Why was it so amazing that Jesus touched the leper?
- How have you seen God respond when you've cried out to Him for help?
- Is there anything for which you need God's help today?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Is Help into your family's daily life.

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 God's 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 God comfort you, heal you, and give you peace through the power and presence of His Holy Spirit.**

For more information about blessing your child, go to myhealthychurch.com/trufire. And for more creative ideas on spiritually leading your family, visit HomeFrontMag.com.