

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 LORD OF ALL

The Promise

Genesis 12:1–9; 15—16; 21:1–7

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD BLESSES

Jacob

Genesis 25:19–34; 27:1–41; 28:10–22; 32:1—33:11

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Jacob fled his home, afraid of his brother Esau, whom he had tricked out of his birthright.
- Jacob physically wrestled with God, refusing to let go until God blessed him.
- God changed Jacob's name to "Israel," which means "one who strives with God."
- God both blessed and broke Jacob so He could use Jacob for His purposes.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Hold a family thumb-wrestling match. Have two family members face each other, link hands in a monkey grip, and arrange their hands in a "thumbs up" position. Then have each player try to pin the thumb of her opponent. After the match, read **Genesis 32:26–28**. Talk about how Jacob wrestled with God and how it resulted in blessing for his life.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Why do you think Jacob stole Esau's birthright?
- How did God bless Jacob?
- What are some ways God has blessed you?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God blesses us 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 your life overflow with thankfulness for God's blessings. May you pass on His blessings to others.**

For more information about blessing your child, talk to your ministry leader or see *Spiritual Parenting* by Michelle Anthony.