***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

remember & Celebrate

**The Day of Atonement: Honoring God's Righteousness**

This reflective and solemn Jewish holiday is a day of fasting, prayer, and repen-tance. It celebrates God’s righteousness. On this day, the Israelites—and their modern descendants—solemnly consider their sins and their need for God’s for-giveness. As long as the tabernacle or temple existed, this was the one day of the year, when the high priest entered the Holy of Holies with sacrificial blood to make atonement for the sins of the people. The New Testament significance lies in Christ who shed His blood once and for all to make atonement for our sins before God.

Where We’re Headed Next time

Ponder point: god's SPIRIT CHANGES EVERYTHING

**Day of Pentecost**

Matthew 28:16–20; Acts 1—2

Before Jesus returned to heaven, He gave His followers two commands. The first is the Great Commission: “Go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). It is the mission statement of the church. Jesus’ second command was “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the … Holy Spirit” (Acts 1:4–5). Why wait? Jesus explained, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8). Jesus’ commands are for believers today. We are to wait for the power of the Holy Spirit and then go and make disciples.

Did you know?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

• In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit came upon a special few people who God chose as prophets, priests, leaders, or kings.

• The day of Pentecost marked the fulfillment of Joel 2:28, as God carried out His promise to “pour out my Spirit on all people.”

• On the day of Pentecost, the baptism in the Holy Spirit arrived with three signs—the sound of a mighty wind, tongues of fire over each head, and speaking in languages that were not learned.

• One sign from the day of Pentecost still occurs today when a person is baptized in the Holy Spirit. That sign is speaking in tongues that have not been learned.

• On the day of Pentecost, three thousand people came to faith in Christ.

Connect as a family

**Read Acts 1:1–11; 2:1–18** (\**Fire Bible*, pp. 1233, 1351)**.** Explain that Jesus gave His friends the important job of telling everyone about Him. Jesus knew His friends needed help, so He sent the Holy Spirit to give His friends the power they needed. Today we are still supposed to tell everyone about Jesus. And we still need the power of the Holy Spirit to share the good news about Jesus with the whole world. Spend time with your children searching for a picture of an unbeliever or an item from another country (for example, a picture, a book, or a souvenir). Talk with your kids about the item you found and take time to pray for the people it represents.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

• Why did Jesus tell His friends to wait for the Holy Spirit?

• Why do we need the Holy Spirit today? How does He help us?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God's Spirit Changes Everything into your everyday life as a family.

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 be filled with God’s Spirit so you know how wide and long and high and deep Jesus’ love is for you. May you see God’s Spirit at work in you, in our church, and in your conversations with those who don’t yet know Jesus, so they can hear your story and believe in Him.**

For more information about blessing your child, go to [myhealthychurch.com/trufire](http://www.truministry.com/). And for more creative ideas on spiritually leading your family, visit [*HomeFrontMag.com*](http://homefrontmag.com/).