***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 the living God

**Paul in Athens**

Acts 17

The people of Athens loved to hear and debate new ideas. When Paul came to town and began to preach about Jesus, the Athenians listened to this new idea. However, after a time, Paul was called before the Areopagus, the ruling court of Athens to explain what he was teaching. Paul did not let the setting intimidate him. He boldly preached to the crowd about the living God who had sent Jesus to earth to live, die, and rise again. Jesus’ resurrection was a turning point for Paul’s audience. Some sneered, and some were curious. But some became believers.

Where We’re Headed Next time

Ponder point: God calls us to more

**Paul in Ephesus**

Acts 19

Paul’s stay in Ephesus was marked by God providing more. When Paul first arrived in Ephesus, he found believers who needed more of God. They had not been baptized in the Holy Spirit after salvation. Paul prayed and they soon received their own personal Pentecostal experience. Paul preached and more people came to faith in Jesus. God provided supernatural healings and deliverance from evil spirits. Soon the believers wanted more of God, so much so that they were willing to burn their witchcraft scrolls, worth millions of dollars in today’s money. They were serious about wanting more of God.

Did you know?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

• Ephesus was the third most populated city in the Roman Empire. It was located on a bustling trade route.

• The believers in Ephesus burned witchcraft scrolls worth fifty thousand drachmas. A drachma was worth a day’s wages for a laborer. At today’s minimum wage of $7.25, that is a value of just over 2.6 million dollars.

Connect as a family

As a family, read **Acts 19:1–12, 18–20** (\**Fire Bible NIV*, p. 1378). Talk about the exciting things that happened at Ephesus. Point out that God always had more for His people at Ephesus—the baptism in the Holy Spirit, more Christian friends, more healings. They had so much more of God that they even burned valuable scrolls because the scrolls did not honor God. Talk with your kids about what they need from God that is more than they have now—more boldness to live for God, a special need met, etc. Pray and ask God to bless each member of your family with more and more of God and the good things God provides for His children.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

• Why do you think the Ephesian believers needed to be baptized in the Holy Spirit?

• What is one big, maybe even miraculous, thing that you are believing God for?

• Is there anything you need to get rid of that is like the Ephesian’s witchcraft scrolls?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportu-nities in your everyday life as a family to talk about how God calls us to more.

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.

**“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is   
no other name under heaven given to mankind   
by which we must be saved.”**

**Acts 4:12**

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 hear the Holy Spirit’s call to more this week. May you joyfully accept that call and experience life to the full as you receive more from God.**

For more information about blessing your child, go to [https://trufirecurriculum.com.](https://trufirecurriculum.com/)

And for more creative ideas on spiritually leading your family, visit [*HomeFrontMag.com*](http://homefrontmag.com/).