

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'S SPIRIT UNIFIES, PART 1

Philip

Acts 8:1–8, 26–40

Philip told an Ethiopian eunuch the good news about Jesus.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD'S SPIRIT UNIFIES, PART 2

Peter and Cornelius

Acts 10–11

God's Spirit led Peter to eat with a Gentile named Cornelius.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- When Peter agreed to fellowship with Cornelius, it wasn't just a casual lunch. Something as simple as eating a meal with Gentiles was something devout Jews never did.
- When God set apart Israel as His people in the Old Testament, He gave several means for them to keep themselves separate and holy from the nations around them. One of the primary ways involved dietary laws and purity practices. Over time, though, the Jewish teachers went beyond what God had intended and forbade even keeping company with Gentiles.
- When Messiah came, the makeup of the people of God changed. They were now many peoples from many different nations.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

One morning, gather everyone in the kitchen and give each person one or two ingredients for your favorite pancake recipe. Build excitement for making the pancakes together. Then tell them they can't mix the ingredients together! Ask them how they might make the pancakes without combining ingredients. After a brief discussion, set the ingredients aside and read **Acts 10:1–38**. Share with your children that before Jesus came, Jewish people couldn't eat certain foods, and some Jews decided they shouldn't have any contact with Gentiles (non-Jews). Discuss what God told Cornelius and Peter. God's Spirit brought unity—

He brought Gentiles and Jews together! After your discussion, "unite" the pancake ingredients and make breakfast together.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How did the Holy Spirit speak to Peter and Cornelius?
- How did God's Spirit bring people together through Peter and Cornelius?
- How can we hear God's Spirit in our own lives?

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

So, do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
Isaiah 41:10

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 experience the unity God's Spirit brings. May you share God's love with those who are different from you and invite others to be a part of God's faith community.**

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