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# Spring Lesson 8

**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 LOVE

#### Nicodemus's Question

John 3:1–21

A Pharisee named Nicodemus came to speak to Jesus at night. Jesus' response to the Pharisee included a verse that sums up the entire reason for Jesus' earthly life, death, and resurrection: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). God loves sinful mankind so much that He willingly gave His only perfect, sinless Son to pay for our sins. God's gift of His Son is the highest demonstration of God's love for us.

## WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

### PONDER POINT: JESUS IS COMPASSIONATE

#### Feeding of the 5,000

Matthew 14:13–21; John 6:1–15

When Jesus heard that His relative John the Baptist had been killed by Herod, Jesus wanted some time alone with His disciples. He took a boat across the lake, only to find that the crowds had hiked around the lake and were waiting for Him. Jesus wanted time alone to grieve, but when He saw the needs of the people around Him, He healed their sick. As evening approached, His compassion extended to their practical need for food. Jesus took a boy's small lunch of five loaves of bread and two fish and fed the crowd of over 5,000 people.

## DID YOU KNOW?

*Share these facts to get the conversation started.*

- Jesus tried to escape across the lake from the crowd only to have the people meet Him when He got to the other side.
- Instead of sending the people away, Jesus had compassion on these people who were "like sheep without a shepherd" (Mark 6:34).
- Jesus' miracle of feeding more than 5,000 men, women, and children was a sign to the Jewish people that the Messiah had come.

## CONNECT AS A FAMILY

At a meal this week, ask your kids to imagine if all the food on the table was multiplied by two, then by ten, then by one hundred! Read the account of Jesus feeding more than five thousand people in **John 6:1–15** (*\*Fire Bible, p. 1323*). Explain that Jesus had compassion on the hungry crowd. Ask your children if anyone has ever shown compassion to them. Have them share who it was and the story of what happened. Then pray together and ask God's Holy Spirit to lead your family to show compassion to one another and to others—just like Jesus does.

*After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:*

- How would you have felt if you had been in the crowd that day?
- What does this miracle tell you about Jesus?
- How can you show compassion on other people?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how Jesus Is Compassionate 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.*

**The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.**  
Psalm 145:8

## 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 the Holy Spirit awaken your compassion, and may you trust God to provide for you each day.**

For more information about blessing your child, go to [truministry.com](http://truministry.com) to the Parenting tab.



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