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This Group resource incorporates our R.E.A.L. approach to ministry. It reinforces a growing friendship with Jesus, encourages long-term learning, and results in life transformation, because it's



#### **Relational**

Learner-to-learner interaction enhances learning and builds Christian friendships.

#### **Experiential**

What learners experience through discussion and action sticks with them up to 9 times longer than what they simply hear or read.

#### **Applicable**

The aim of Christian education is to equip learners to be both hearers and doers of God's Word.

#### **Learner-based**

Learners understand and retain more when the learning process takes into consideration how they learn best.

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# The future of Sunday school + family ministry is NOW.

No doubt about it, the world is changing. Families used to go to church every week. Kids used to have longer attention spans. Teachers used to have more time to prepare. And didn't our budgets used to be bigger?

Even the Sunday school Bible curriculum you used just a couple of years ago is already out of date. But there's one thing that's never changed: the need to grow families closer to Jesus.

That's why we created FaithWeaver NOW®, and it's different from anything you've ever seen before!

## **It combines Sunday school with family ministry.** ■■■■

Sure, you've seen Sunday school aimed at families. But FaithWeaver NOW actually hits the target by having everyone in the family learning about the same Scripture each week.

## **It's simpler and easier.** ■■■■

Sometimes change is a wonderful thing. Gone are the days when you needed to spend hours preparing your lessons and hunting for supplies. FaithWeaver NOW will have you and your team ready to go in a snap.

## **It's made for NOW.** ■■■■

Life is complicated and full of distractions. FaithWeaver NOW keeps faith on track through even the most frenzied lifestyles.

## **What makes FaithWeaver NOW the perfect curriculum for TODAY's church?**

- Families learn the same Bible passage in age-appropriate ways.
- Kids don't just hear the Word. They experience it.
- Simple and easy lessons fit even the busiest lives.
- Kids see God in their everyday world.
- The Scope & Sequence goes through the Bible every three years.
- You can customize it however you like, with both print and digital versions.



Create a vibrant family ministry that's new...that's wow...that's NOW. FaithWeaver NOW gives you a fresh strategy for being more successful than ever in bringing families closer to Jesus.

Thom and Joani Schultz  
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Welcome to the

# FaithWeaver NOW Adult Handbook!



The fact that you're reading this shows how much you care about your faith. You take your relationship with Jesus seriously. You want to live like him. But it can be hard sometimes, especially amidst the busyness of life, and with **FaithWeaver NOW** we're going to help you grow in your faith.

You'll learn together with—and from—other adults who wrestle with the same issues you do. Together, you'll work through those issues and give each other brand-new insights into how to weave faith into your life. You'll have fun learning together. You'll discover things you never knew about yourself, about each other, and about God. You'll laugh together. You'll probably cry together, too. But most importantly, you'll discover how to weave faith into your life and walk with God for a lifetime.

Here's what you'll find in your FaithWeaver NOW Adult Handbook—including how to use each piece to get the most out of each week:



## **BIBLE BACKGROUND**

This is a more in-depth look at the week's Bible passage. Use it to gain a deeper understanding of God's Word.



## **THE JESUS CONNECTION**

This brief devotion will help you think through how this week's lesson applies to your life and how to pray about this week's point.



## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

These are the questions you'll go through as a group and the specific passages you'll look at. Use this page to follow along during the lesson.





### DAILY CHALLENGES

Here you'll have some options for how to apply each study to your life. Mark the one you choose as a reminder to live out your faith.



### TALK TOPICS

Several thought-provoking questions to bring up with your friends, family, or co-workers during the week.



### THROUGH THE WEEK

Study a passage on this week's point every day! There's even some great questions for you to journal about as you consider what the Bible has to say to you.

So again, welcome to the world of **FaithWeaver NOW!**  
May God bless your journey together—as adults and as faithweavers!





# Prophets Foretell Jesus' Coming

Jeremiah 33:14-16



## ► Bible Point

Jesus fulfilled  
God's promise.

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## Key Verse

"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel'— which means, 'God with us' " (Matthew 1:22-23).

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## Jeremiah Preaches Hope in Times of Trouble

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This passage was written nearly 600 years before Jesus was born. The northern kingdom of Israel had fallen to the Assyrians, who had in turn fallen to the Babylonians. Jeremiah also saw the fall of the southern kingdom of Judah to the Babylonians, concluding with the destruction of Jerusalem in 587 B.C.

Despite all that was going on around him, Jeremiah's message in this passage is one of hope. Repeating nearly word for word the message he had given in Jeremiah 23:5-6, Jeremiah utters here his most important message about the coming Messiah. This King would be a descendant of David but would rule with more wisdom, justice, and righteousness than any other king had ever done. This coming Messiah would not only rescue his people from their oppressors but also reunite the kingdoms of Israel and Judah, which had been divided since the death of Solomon more than 300 years earlier.

## Jesus Fulfills Prophecy, but Not as Expected

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After reading this passage, it's easy to understand why people of Jesus' day expected a Messiah who would lead them in throwing off Roman rule and restoring the unified kingdom of Israel. From our standpoint in history, we know that Jesus came first as the suffering servant (see Isaiah 53), drawing people to himself through his perfect life and his message of repentance. One day, however, Jesus will return to complete his fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies and rule as king over all heaven and earth.



BIBLE BACKGROUND



As we look forward to our celebration of Jesus' birth, we can also look forward to the day Jesus will return to take those who believe in him to live with him in heaven. That's God's message of hope for Christians in today's broken world!



THE JESUS  
CONNECTION

Your relationship with Jesus is an amazing gift. And God planned long ago to give you that gift. Thank him for this life-giving blessing!

Long ago, God chose to prepare the hearts of his people with the news that a Savior would come. As you prepare for Christmas, take some time to allow God's message of hope and salvation to sink in for you. Choose to believe God's promises—and allow the wonder of Jesus' incarnation to overwhelm you. Pray about your heart's desire to live this Christmas season immersed in the meaning of God's promises.

You can write your prayer here.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### 1 GETTING STARTED

- Have you ever experienced a “disaster” when something you depended on broke down or went wrong? How did you respond?
- In what ways is this similar to experiencing a broken promise?
- What kinds of promises do you depend on in your daily life?

### 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

**Read:** Jeremiah 33:14-16, Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:22-23

- How important are biblical prophecies of the Messiah?
- What advice would you give a new Christian about understanding such prophecies?
- What would you say to a critic of Christianity who makes a statement similar to this: “It was easy for Jesus to fulfill prophecies; all he had to do was read the Old Testament and then do what the prophets said the Messiah would do”?
- In your opinion, which promise is the most amazing of God’s fulfilled promises? Why?
- In a general, overall sense, how did Jesus fulfill God’s promise?

### 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

- What are some ways we can live differently knowing that Jesus is the fulfillment of the promise of God’s presence?
- If you truly seek to live in the promise of God’s presence with you through Jesus, how will your life look different this week from last week?



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**Daily Challenges** ■■■■■■

Choose one or more of these Daily Challenges to do this week.

- Look up all of the promises on the “Promises, Promises” page in the back of your Adult Handbook. Thank God for keeping his promises by sending Jesus.
- Sing at least one Christmas carol a day to celebrate the gift of God’s Son.
- Look for evidence of God with you this week. Thank Jesus for fulfilling God’s promise and being his presence here on earth.

**Talk Topics** ■■■■■■

- What does it mean to you to believe—or to doubt—God’s promises?
- Talk about a time someone kept an important promise to you.
- Talk about how God’s promises are trustworthy.
- Discuss ways you can remember that God is with you every day.





## Through the Week

Use the following passages and questions to explore additional biblical insights about God's promises.

### Monday—Philippians 4:19

- What does this promise mean to you right now? Why do you or don't you believe God is keeping it for you?

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### Tuesday—2 Corinthians 12:9

- What does this promise mean to you right now? Why do you or don't you believe God is keeping it for you?

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### Wednesday—1 Corinthians 10:13

- What does this promise mean to you right now? Why do you or don't you believe God is keeping it for you?

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**Thursday—Romans 8:28**

- What does this promise mean to you right now? Why do you or don't you believe God is keeping it for you?

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**Friday—John 10:28**

- What does this promise mean to you right now? Why do you or don't you believe God is keeping it for you?

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**Saturday—Hebrews 13:5**

- What does this promise mean to you right now? Why do you or don't you believe God is keeping it for you?

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The FaithWeaver NOW Adult Handbook weaves transformative experiences into every lesson and includes activities that make the Bible unforgettable.

*This quarter you'll explore these Bible passages:*

	BIBLE CONTENT/SCRIPTURE	KEY VERSE	BIBLE POINT
WEEK 1	Prophets Foretell Jesus' Coming (Jeremiah 33:14-16)	"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel'— which means, 'God with us'" (Matthew 1:22-23).	Jesus fulfilled God's promise.
WEEK 2	Zechariah Prophecies About Jesus (Luke 1:68-79)	"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him" (John 3:17).	The world needs Jesus.
WEEK 3	John Prepares People for Jesus' Coming (Luke 3:7-18)	"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).	Repenting prepares us for Jesus.
WEEK 4	The Son of God Is Born! (Luke 1:26-45; 2:1-20)	"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).	Celebrate Jesus' birth.
WEEK 5	Jesus Grows Up (Luke 2:39-52)	"I and the Father are one" (John 10:30).	Jesus is special.
WEEK 6	The Word Became Flesh (John 1:1-18)	"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12).	We can be God's children.
WEEK 7	Satan Tempts Jesus (Luke 4:1-13)	"Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted" (Hebrews 2:18).	Jesus helps us resist temptation.
WEEK 8	Jesus Performs His First Miracle (John 2:1-11)	"But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31).	Jesus can do miracles.
WEEK 9	Jesus Teaches in a Synagogue (Luke 4:14-21)	"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost" (Luke 19:10).	Jesus came for all people.
WEEK 10	Jesus Is Rejected in His Hometown (Luke 4:22-30)	"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:5).	Believe in Jesus.
WEEK 11	Moses and Elijah Appear With Jesus (Luke 9:28-36)	"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).	Jesus is God's Son.
WEEK 12	Jesus Teaches About Rewards (Luke 6:17-26)	"Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things" (Colossians 3:2).	Jesus blesses people who have faith.
WEEK 13	Jesus Teaches About Loving Enemies (Luke 6:27-38)	"Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31).	Jesus says to treat others as we want to be treated.



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