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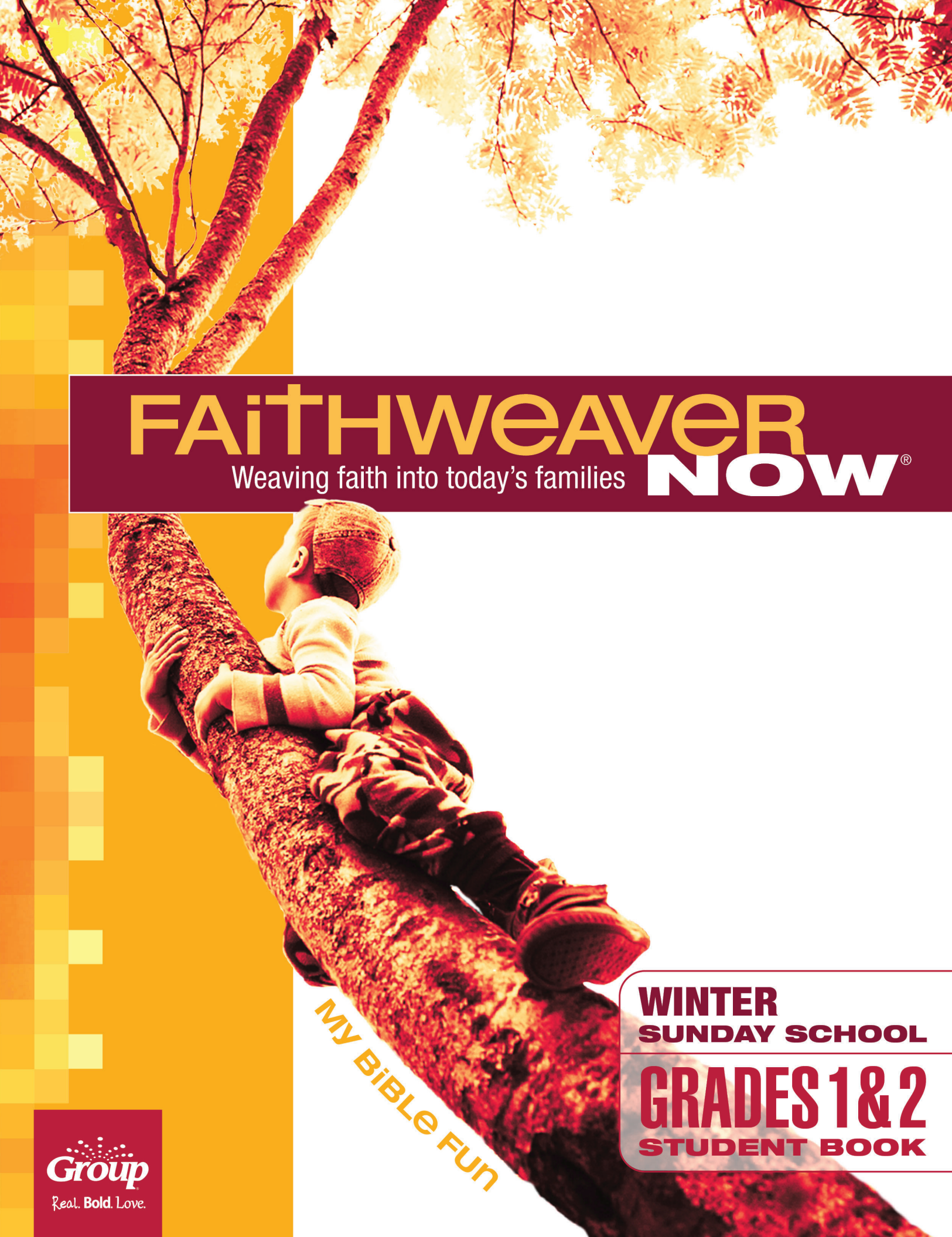

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Group resources really work!

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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My Bible Fun Lesson 1

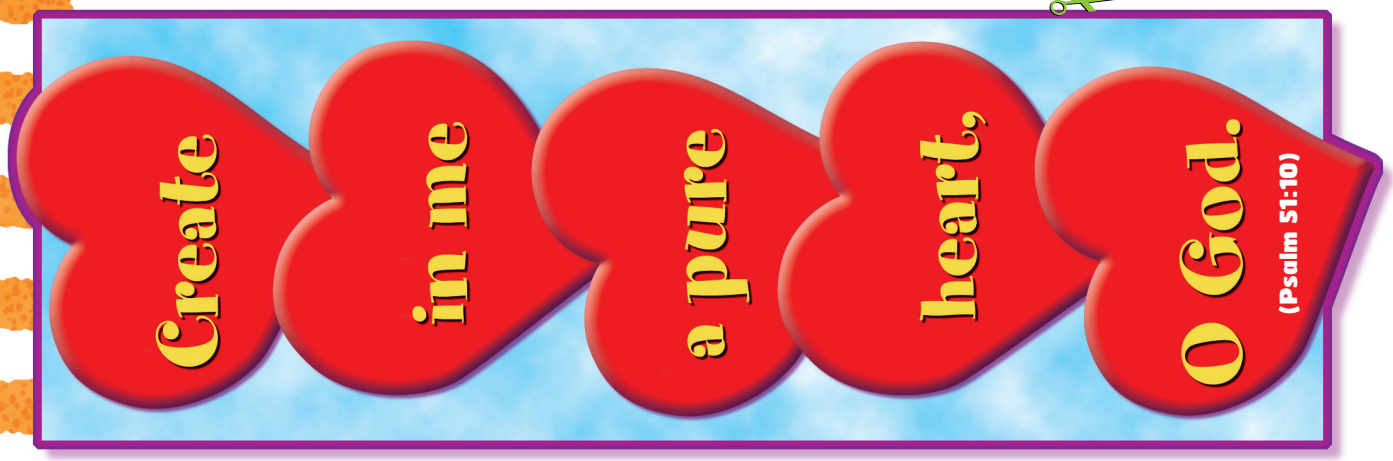
John the Baptist Prepares the Way for Jesus

Mark 1:1–8

Clean Hearts

Clean for Jesus

In-Class Activity



HOMEConnect®

What I learned today:

Bible Time: Mark 1:1-8

Today's Bible passage is about a man named John the Baptist. He lived in the desert, wore camel's hair clothes, and ate locusts and honey. (I wonder if they were anything like the pretzel snacks we ate. Probably not!) Anyway, people from all over came out to the desert to hear the important news John had to tell. And here's what John told them: "Get your hearts ready for God!" He told the people to ask God to forgive them for the bad things they did and to make their hearts clean, because someone very special was coming. Jesus was coming!

Key Verse: "Create in me a pure heart, O God" (Psalm 51:10).

Bible Point: We prepare our hearts for Jesus.

Family Fun

Clean Hearts, Clean Homes

Throughout the Christmas season, offer to help your parents keep the house clean. As you clean, talk to your parents about this week's Key Verse. Do you remember it? Here it is again: "Create in me a pure heart, O God" (Psalm 51:10).

Daily Challenge®

Today kids committed to one of the following Daily Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on his or her challenge! (Have kids each circle their choice below.)

- Ask someone to join you in decorating your room for Christmas, and as you do tell why you want to prepare your heart for Jesus.
- Before bed, think about different choices you made that day. Then pray and ask God to create a clean, pure heart in you.
- Sing a song of praise to Jesus for his forgiveness.

Hearty Hearts

Make "hearty heart sandwiches" for lunch one day. Use a heart-shaped cookie cutter to cut slices of bread into hearts. Then spread the shapes with peanut butter and honey. If you want, top your sandwiches with raisins (they can be the locusts!). As you enjoy your lunch, tell your family about how John the Baptist told people to make their hearts clean and ready for Jesus.

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Dear Parents,

Your family is important to our church, and we want to support your role as spiritual leader to your child.

In our effort to provide the highest quality Christian education, we are using **FaithWeaver NOW®** Sunday school. FaithWeaver NOW makes Bible learning fun by using a variety of active experiences to help students learn in the ways they learn best.

FaithWeaver NOW also helps people of all ages "weave faith into life" by applying the Bible to their lives throughout every week. With FaithWeaver NOW, students walk through the Bible over the course of three years.

Research shows that the most powerful influence on children's faith development is the conversation about faith that takes place in the home. We want to partner with you in your child's Christian education.

With the resources that are part of FaithWeaver NOW, you can make a huge contribution to your child's Christian growth by leading activities and discussions that help make connections and apply what's learned at church to daily life. That's why every week your child will receive a take-home page that includes ideas for family discussions and activities that will help cement what your child learns at church.

All FaithWeaver NOW resources—for infants through adults—explore the same Bible passage each week, making it easier for you to help your family grow in faith together.

This quarter, we hope you'll find encouragement in your role as a parent and a spiritual leader to your child. May these tools serve to remind you how important you are in your child's life—and how blessed you are to be entrusted with this awesome responsibility!

God bless you,

Your **FaithWeaver NOW** Church

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The FaithWeaver NOW Student Book is woven into every lesson to provide an essential transformative experience that makes the Bible unforgettable.

BONUS...every Student Book includes weekly take-home activities!

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STUDENT BOOK

This quarter you'll explore these Bible passages:

	BIBLE CONTENT/SCRIPTURE	KEY VERSE	BIBLE POINT
WEEK 1	John the Baptist Prepares the Way for Jesus (Mark 1:1-8)	"Create in me a pure heart, O God" (Psalm 51:10).	We prepare our hearts for Jesus.
WEEK 2	God Dwells With Us (John 1:1-14)	"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14).	Jesus is God.
WEEK 3	Jesus Is Born (Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20)	I bring great news; Jesus is born! (adapted from Luke 2:10-11).	Jesus was born for us.
WEEK 4	Faithful People Thank God for Jesus (Luke 2:22-40)	"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name" (Psalm 100:4).	We thank God for Jesus.
WEEK 5	Wise Men Find Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12)	"For the Lord is good and his love endures forever" (Psalm 100:5).	Jesus deserves our worship.
WEEK 6	John Baptizes Jesus (Mark 1:4-11)	God loves us so much he sent his Son, Jesus (adapted from John 3:16).	God sent Jesus.
WEEK 7	Jesus Surprises Nathanael (John 1:43-51)	"O Lord, you have searched me and you know me" (Psalm 139:1).	Jesus knows all about us.
WEEK 8	Disciples Follow Jesus (Mark 1:14-20)	" 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of men' " (Mark 1:17).	Follow Jesus.
WEEK 9	Jesus Demonstrates His Authority (Mark 1:21-28)	For I am convinced that nothing can separate us from the love of God (adapted from Romans 8:38-39).	Jesus is all-powerful.
WEEK 10	Jesus Heals, Prays, and Preaches (Mark 1:29-39)	"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).	Jesus cares for us.
WEEK 11	Jesus Calms a Storm (Mark 4:35-41)	"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7).	We turn to Jesus when we're afraid.
WEEK 12	Four Friends Help a Paralyzed Man (Mark 2:1-12)	"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins" (1 John 1:9).	Jesus forgives us.
WEEK 13	Jesus Heals the Blind Man (Mark 10:46-52)	"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy" (Titus 3:5).	We have faith in Jesus.

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