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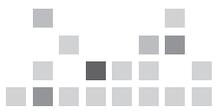
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The future of Sunday school + family ministry is NOW.



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Even the Sunday school Bible curriculum you used just a couple of years ago is already out of date.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. ■■■■

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It's simpler and easier. ■■■■

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It's made for NOW. ■■■■

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

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- 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.

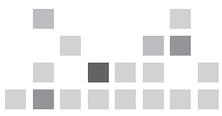


Create a vibrant family ministry that's new...that's wow...that's NOW. FaithWeaver NOW gives you a fresh strategy for being more successful than ever in bringing families closer to Jesus.

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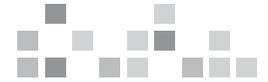
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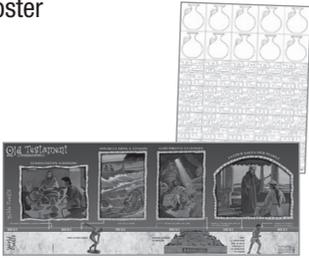


Elisha Helps a Widow and Her Sons 2 Kings 4:1-7

The basic needs of first- and second-graders are primarily taken care of by their families. Because of this, they probably don't think much about needing food, water, clothing, or a place to live. But whether at home or at church, the children in your group need love, patience, and guidance. God can use you to give these things to the children in your group. Use this lesson to show kids how to trust God to care for them and to care for needy people.



► **Bible Point**
God cares for needy people.

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Fill 'Er Up <i>(about 15 min.)</i> Participate in a relay race to fill jars.	pitchers that hold an equal amount of water, cups, buckets or tubs of water	Line the buckets or tubs of water along one wall.
2 Bible Exploration	Filled Jars <i>(about 20 min.)</i> Find jars all over the room and color them with "oil."	Bibles, CD player, yellow and gold crayons, table, treats Teacher Pack: CD, Bible Timeline, "Jars and Shields" poster 	Cut apart the jar cards on the "Jars and Shields" poster, and hide the 10 cards around the room.

Key Verse
"He [God] defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing" (Deuteronomy 10:18).

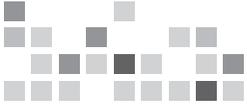
Weaving Faith Into Life
Kids will help others in need, just as God helps people in need.





LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<p>3 Weaving Faith Into Life</p>	<p>Shields of Faith <i>(about 15 min.)</i> Learn the Key Verse, and discover how God provides for and cares for them.</p>	<p>Bibles, construction paper, scissors, crayons, glue sticks, tape Teacher Pack: “Jars and Shields” poster</p> 	<p>Cut apart the shield cards on the “Jars and Shields” poster.</p>
	<p>I Need... <i>(about 10 min.)</i> Think about how God provides for them and their families.</p>	<p>My Bible Fun, crayons</p>	<p>Tear out the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Fun student book.</p>
<p>4 Lasting Impressions</p>	<p>Daily Challenges <i>(about 5 min.)</i> Choose a Daily Challenge to apply God’s Word.</p>	<p>My Bible Fun</p>	
	<p>Weaving Faith at Home <i>(about 2 min.)</i> Talk about how to share what they learned with their families.</p>	<p>My Bible Fun</p>	<p>Tear out the letter to parents from the back of each My Bible Fun student book.</p>





Fill 'Er Up! Supplies

pitchers that hold an
equal amount of water
cups
buckets or tubs of water

Fill 'Er Up! Easy Prep

Line the buckets or tubs
of water along one wall.

1 GETTING STARTED

Fill 'Er Up!

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Welcome kids warmly as they arrive, and ask them how their week went.

Gather everyone together.

Have kids form as many groups as you have “jars” (pitchers). Say: **Let's play a game called Fill 'Er Up!** Show a “jar.” **Your team's goal is to get your jar filled as quickly as you can.** Show a cup. **Using cups.** Point to the buckets of water. **You'll get your water from the buckets of water.**

Have each group collect a jar and put it along the wall opposite where the buckets of water are—each group will line their jar up across from the bucket that they will use. Have each group line up between their bucket of water and their jug.

Give each group a cup, and explain the rules: The child nearest the bucket of water will fill the cup and carefully pass it down the line to the last child, who will empty it into the team's jar. That same child will bring the cup to the bucket of water, filling it with water and passing it down the line again. The team repeats this process until the jar is full.

Check for understanding, and then have kids play the game.

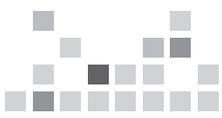
Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- **What was the hardest part about filling your jars?**
- **What could you have done if you'd run out of water in this game?**
- **What can you do when you don't have the things you need?**

Say: **It was fun trying to fill our jars with water. We'll read today in the Bible about a woman who was poor—she didn't have everything she needed, and God helped her by filling her jars with oil. God took care of her because ► GOD CARES FOR NEEDY PEOPLE.**



2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

Filled Jars

What You'll Do

Open your Bible to 2 Kings 4:1-7, and show kids the passage. Then help kids find the verses in their own Bibles. Say: **Today we'll read about a woman who was in desperate need and discover how God cared for her.**

Show kids the "Elisha Helps a Widow" picture on the Bible Timeline.

Say: **A prophet is a special man of God. This passage in the Bible tells about one prophet, Elisha. God gave the prophets messages to give to the people. And that's just what happened in 2 Kings 4, when a woman went to Elisha for help. And through Elisha, God helped this woman. Who do you go to when you need help?** Allow time for kids to share their answers.

Say: **Let's find out why this woman in the Bible needed help.** Play "Elisha and the Widow" (track 2 on the CD—this track ends with "as many jars as possible").

Have kids partner up. If you have more than 20 kids, form 10 groups. Then say: **Elisha told the woman to collect as many empty jars as she could. I've hidden pictures of jars around our room. With your partner, see if you can find one of the jar cards. When you find a jar card, come sit with your partner here by me.**

Give pairs time to find the jar cards. Remind partners to sit down after they've found a card. Give hints to pairs having difficulty finding cards. After everyone's found a card and is sitting down, collect the cards. Hold up one of the cards for kids to see.

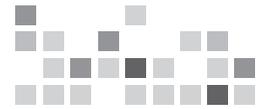
Say: **You found lots of jars! And so did the woman in the Bible, even though she didn't know why Elisha had told her to collect them. Let's find out why.**

Have kids line up at a table, and give each child a crayon in a shade of yellow or gold.

Say: **Elisha told the woman what to do after she'd collected all of those jars. Listen.** Read aloud 2 Kings 4:4-6.

Say: **We can't pour real oil into these pictures, but we can color our jars so they look like they're full of oil. I'll pass each jar to the first person at the table, who will color in a little "oil" inside the jar. Then the first person will pass the jar to the next person, who will color in a little more oil. We'll keep passing and coloring until all the jars are filled with oil.** Check for understanding.

When kids understand the instructions, give the first jar card to the first child at the table. Have each child color in a little oil in the jar and pass the picture to the next child, in an



Filled Jars Supplies

- Bibles
- CD player
- yellow and gold crayons
- table
- treats

Teacher Pack

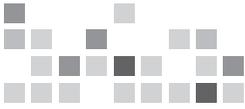
- CD: "Elisha and the Widow" (track 2)
- Bible Timeline
- "Jars and Shields" poster

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Filled Jars Easy Prep

Cut apart the jar cards on the "Jars and Shields" poster, and hide the 10 cards around the room.





assembly-line fashion. Continue until all the jars are colored in with oil. Spread out the colored pictures on the table.

Say: **Elisha told the woman to pour her oil into the jars. Let's hear what Elisha said after she did.** Read aloud 2 Kings 4:7.

Say: **God miraculously provided all that oil for the woman to use to fill the jars. Then she could sell the jars of oil and use the money to take care of her sons. She was able to use the jars of oil to get money to pay her bills and take care of her family! Let's use our jars to get a yummy treat.**

Let kids trade their jars for treats.

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead kids in this discussion.

Ask:

- **What surprised you about what happened?**
- **Tell about a time you didn't have something you needed.**
- **What are some ways you've seen God taking care of you or your family?**

Say: ► **GOD CARES FOR NEEDY PEOPLE.** God cares about everyone, and he cares for needy people like the woman we read about in the Bible. In fact, God cares about us so much that he sent his Son, Jesus, so that we could have a personal relationship with him. He knew we all needed forgiveness, so he sent Jesus!

3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Shields of Faith



■ **Tips** Be sensitive to kids from single-parent homes when discussing the word *fatherless*. Allow kids to share struggles and frustrations they may have about not having Mom or Dad around all the time.

What You'll Do ■■■■

Open your Bible to Deuteronomy 10:18, and show it to the kids. Help them find the verse in their own Bibles.

Say: **The Bible tells us how ► GOD CARES FOR NEEDY PEOPLE.**

Listen while I read the Key Verse from Deuteronomy 10:18: "He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing" (Deuteronomy 10:18).

Shields of Faith Supplies

- Bibles
- construction paper
- scissors
- crayons
- glue sticks
- tape

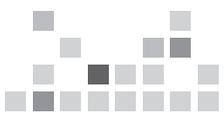
Teacher Pack

- "Jars and Shields" poster

Shields of Faith Easy Prep

Cut apart the shield cards on the "Jars and Shields" poster.





Have kids talk about the meaning of *fatherless*. Then say: **There are some kids who don't have fathers or don't get to live with their fathers. That can be very hard. But God understands how hard it is. He cares about their feelings and the things they need, just as he cared about the two sons in today's Bible passage after their father died.**

Have kids discuss the meaning of *widow*, if they know it. Then say: **A widow is a woman whose husband has died, like the woman we read about in the Bible. God cared so much for that woman that he sent Elisha to help her. God still cares for widows today.**

Have kids talk about what an alien is. Then say: **Some of you may think an alien is from outer space! But, really, *alien* can also mean "someone from another country."**

God defends and cares for all needy people. Today we heard about how God cared for a widow and her sons. Even though the widow didn't understand why Elisha told her to collect the jars, she had faith that God would help her. We can have faith that God will help us, too. God will always defend us and care for us and provide the things we need.

Let's make "Shields of Faith" to remind us to have faith that God will defend us, just like a shield. Give each child a sheet of construction paper, and help him or her cut out a shield from the paper. You can use the illustration as a guide.

Give each child a "Shield of Faith" card, and set out crayons for kids to share. Let kids color their "Shield of Faith" cards and glue them to their shields. Have kids draw pictures of food, clothing, shelter, and other things they need on their shields. As they do, lead them in a discussion about the difference between needs and wants. For example, you could ask children if they could live without food, as opposed living without their favorite toys.

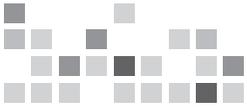
Demonstrate how to cut a strip of construction paper and tape it the back of the shield as a handle. Help kids attach their handles. Then gather the kids in a circle with their shields.



Say: **Let's read our Key Verse, Deuteronomy 10:18, aloud again. This time repeat each part after me, and hold your shields up high. "He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing" (Deuteronomy 10:18).**

Read the Key Verse aloud several times, pausing to allow kids to repeat the words after you.





I Need... Supplies

My Bible Fun
crayons

I Need... Easy Prep

Tear out the Lesson 1
pages from each My
Bible Fun student book.

Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- What are some ways God can care for kids without fathers?
- What are some ways God can care for widows?
- What are some ways God can care for people who live in new countries?
- What are some ways God can care for you?

Say: ► **GOD CARES FOR NEEDY PEOPLE.** He cared for the boys without a father and the widow in our passage. He cares for kids without fathers, widows, aliens... and you!

I Need...

What You'll Do

Say: Today we saw how God took care of the widow and her sons. God will take care of us, too! ► **GOD CARES FOR NEEDY PEOPLE.**

Have kids turn to the "I Need..." activity on their My Bible Fun pages.

Say: In three of the jars, draw pictures of ways that God takes care of you and your family. In the last jar, draw a picture of a way you'll help needy people this week. What you draw will be your Daily Challenge for the week.

Give kids several minutes to draw. Walk around the room to offer help and suggestions as needed. For example, you could suggest that God cares for kids by providing loving family members, food, houses, and clothes. You could also suggest that kids share their bike with someone who doesn't have a bike or help their siblings with their homework when they don't understand it.

Talk With Kids

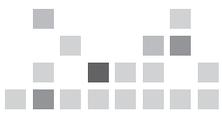
Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- How do you tell the difference between needs and wants?
- What are some of your needs?
- Explain whether you think God will always give you what you want.
- What can you do to care for someone in need?

Say: God loves all of us. He always wants what's best for us. That's why he'll always take care of our needs. ► **GOD CARES FOR NEEDY PEOPLE,** like he did by filling all those jars with oil for the widow and her sons. Let's pray and thank God right now for caring for us.

Pray: Dear God, help us always trust you to provide everything we need, just like you did for the widow in the Bible. In Jesus' name, amen.



4 LASTING IMPRESSIONS

Daily Challenges

What You'll Do

Say: Let's think about how ► **GOD CARES FOR NEEDY PEOPLE** this week. As this week's Daily Challenge, try to follow through on helping someone in need the way you drew on your fourth jar on your My Bible Fun page.

Tell the kids how you'll care for someone in need. Kids will be more inclined to follow through on their commitments when they see you doing the same.

Talk With Kids

Ask:

- **What's a practical way you're going to do your Daily Challenge? Share a time, a place, or other ideas.** Allow time.

Say: ► **GOD CARES FOR NEEDY PEOPLE.** Let's remember how God helped the widow and her sons and follow through on our commitment to help someone in need this week.

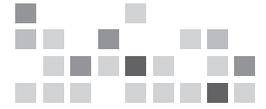
Weaving Faith at Home

Send the letter to parents home with your kids or give it to parents when they pick up their children. This is a great way to show families they're important to your church and to support their role as spiritual leaders to their children.

Encourage kids to talk with their parents about their Daily Challenge to help someone and what they learned about God's care for people in need. Kids can also do the activities in the "HomeConnect" section of their My Bible Fun pages with their families.

Talk to your Director about emailing the FREE FamilyConnect to all your church's families. Available at group.com/digital.

Take a couple of minutes to pray with your kids, thanking God for caring for needy people. Then let each child have a chance to ask God for something he or she needs. Close the prayer after every child has a chance to share.



Daily Challenges Supplies

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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.

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**SUMMER
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**GRADES 1&2
STUDENT BOOK**

This quarter you'll explore these Bible passages:

	BIBLE CONTENT/SCRIPTURE	KEY VERSE	BIBLE POINT
WEEK 1	Elisha Helps a Widow and Her Sons (2 Kings 4:1-7)	"He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing" (Deuteronomy 10:18).	God cares for needy people.
WEEK 2	God Heals Naaman's Leprosy (2 Kings 5:1-16)	"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time" (1 Peter 5:6).	God wants us to be humble.
WEEK 3	Jonah Learns a Lesson (Jonah 1-3)	"The ways of the Lord are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them" (Hosea 14:9).	Following God is always the right choice.
WEEK 4	Jonah Complains About God's Compassion (Jonah 3:10-4:11)	"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).	God wants us to love everyone.
WEEK 5	God Calls Isaiah (Isaiah 6:1-8)	"Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker" (Psalm 95:6).	God is holy.
WEEK 6	Josiah Promises to Follow the Lord (2 Chronicles 34)	"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).	God's Word changes our lives.
WEEK 7	Daniel's Friends Are Safe in the Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3)	"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13).	Stand strong for God.
WEEK 8	God Protects Daniel in the Lions' Den (Daniel 6:1-23)	"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).	God protects us.
WEEK 9	God Promises to Restore Israel After the Exile (Jeremiah 29:4-14)	"'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'" (Jeremiah 29:11).	We seek God no matter what happens.
WEEK 10	Nehemiah Seeks God's Forgiveness for Israel (Nehemiah 1:1-2:9)	"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).	We seek God's forgiveness.
WEEK 11	Nehemiah Rebuilds the Wall (Nehemiah 2:11-6:19)	"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" (Colossians 3:23).	God helps us face challenges.
WEEK 12	Esther Saves Her People (Esther 2-9)	"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10).	Everyone can serve God.
WEEK 13	Job Remains Faithful in Suffering (Job 1:1-2:10; 42:1-6, 10-17)	"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint" (Isaiah 40:31).	God brings us hope when we're hurting.



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