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

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The Israelites Cross the Red Sea

Exodus 13:17-14:31

KNOW FEAR

On the left make a list or draw pictures of the things you fear. Then match each fear with a verse that might remind you of how God helps you when you feel that fear.

NO FEAR

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me” (Psalm 23:4).

“Be still, and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10).

“So we say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?’ ” (Hebrews 13:6).

“I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety” (Psalm 4:8).

“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).

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid” (John 14:27).



Tell your partner one of your fears and which verse you chose to help you remember that God can help you when you are afraid.

BIBLE FOCUS (THE BASICS)

Finally! Pharaoh let the Israelites go. Of course, Pharaoh changed his mind and sent his armies after the Israelites. We know he'd done that before, right? The Egyptians were closing in on the Israelites, and the Israelites were trapped at the Red Sea with no way to get across. The Israelites were afraid, thinking they were going to die. But God parted the Red Sea for the Israelites. Can you imagine? Having a sea open up right in front of you so you can walk across on dry land? Then you see these huge walls of water on both sides of you! It must have been an awesome sight! Then the Egyptians started to cross. Well, God wasn't going to let that happen! As soon as the Israelites were safe on the other side, the waves of the Red Sea crashed down on the Egyptians. God helped his people when they were afraid and rescued them from their enemies.

Bible Point: God helps us when we're afraid.

Key Verse: "I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4).

Don't Be Afraid **FAMILYFUN**

As a family, take time to discuss the things that you are most afraid of and how to overcome those fears. For example, if one family member is afraid of the house catching on fire, point out the smoke detectors in the house, and have a family fire drill. Write out emergency phone numbers, and put them in a special place. Look up verses in the Bible in which God promises to take care of us. Also, make a promise to one another not to tease anyone about his or her fears. That means if Mom is afraid of mice, no toy mice are to be left in her shoes.



Daily Challenge

Choose a way you'll turn to God to overcome your fears this week.

- Pay attention this week to areas of your life in which you feel afraid. Pray and ask God to help you learn to trust him instead of being afraid.
- Look up *fear* in the dictionary. Write down the definition. Then look up antonyms of *fear*. Write those down, and pray that God will help you become more filled with trust and hope in God. Put these definitions in your journal or Bible to remind you to ask God for help when you're afraid.
- Use yarn to make yourself a bracelet. As you make the bracelet, pray that God will help you when you're afraid. Anytime you feel afraid, let the bracelet remind you to trust God instead.

THE WORD FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY Psalm 119:11

What does it mean to hide God's Word in your heart?

TUESDAY Psalm 27:1

Think of a time that having a light helped you not be afraid. How is God like that light in a dark room?

WEDNESDAY Exodus 14:31

Describe an experience in your life in which you have seen God's power.

THURSDAY Psalm 16:8

What's something that happened this week that made you feel "shaken" or fearful? How did God help you?

FRIDAY 1 John 4:18

How can love help you overcome fear?

SATURDAY Deuteronomy 31:6

How does God's promise to "never leave you" help you overcome fearful situations?





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



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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This quarter you'll explore these Bible passages:

	BIBLE CONTENT/SCRIPTURE	KEY VERSE	BIBLE POINT
WEEK 1	The Israelites Cross the Red Sea (Exodus 13:17-14:31)	"He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me" (Psalm 23:3-4).	God helps us when we're afraid.
WEEK 2	God Sends Quail and Manna (Exodus 16:1-26)	"You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever" (Psalm 23:5-6).	God gives us what we need.
WEEK 3	God Provides Water (Exodus 17:1-7)	"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters" (Psalm 23:1-2).	God is patient with us.
WEEK 4	God Gives the Ten Commandments (Part 1) (Exodus 19:16-20:21)	"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts" (Deuteronomy 6:5-6).	Honor God by obeying him.
WEEK 5	God Gives the Ten Commandments (Part 2) (Exodus 19:16-20:21)	"Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honor your father and mother,' and 'love your neighbor as yourself'" (Matthew 19:18-19).	God tells us how to respect others.
WEEK 6	The Israelites Worship a Golden Calf (Exodus 32:1-25)	"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:2-3).	Only God deserves our worship.
WEEK 7	The Israelites Build the Tabernacle (Exodus 35:4-36:38)	"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17).	We all can serve God.
WEEK 8	Moses Sends Spies Into the Promised Land (Numbers 13:1-14:23)	"Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58).	Be brave for God.
WEEK 9	Balaam's Donkey Talks (Numbers 22:1-38)	"Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man's behalf!" (Psalm 66:5).	Pay attention to God.
WEEK 10	Joshua Becomes Leader of Israel (Joshua 1:1-11)	"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).	God is with us.
WEEK 11	Joshua Sends Spies to Jericho (Joshua 2:1-24)	"And without faith it is impossible to please God" (Hebrews 11:6).	We can have faith that God will do big things in our lives.
WEEK 12	The Israelites Cross the Jordan River (Joshua 3:1-4:24)	"Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done" (1 Chronicles 16:8).	Remember what God has done.
WEEK 13	God Gives Victory Over Jericho (Joshua 6:1-27)	"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:6-7).	God's power works for good.



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