

# FAITHWEAVER

Weaving faith into today's families

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BIBLE BUZZ

**SUMMER  
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**GRADES 5 & 6  
STUDENT BOOK**

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with Lesson 1 at  
the center of the  
book.**

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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



# Bible Buzz

## Lesson 1

### Butterfly

They called me "Butterfly." I am 20 years old, and I have had leprosy since I was 12. The people in my small village in Nepal wouldn't look at me or speak to me; they believed that my horrible disease was caused because I did bad things in my life. I thought this, too. Then I met Joe at a missionary clinic. When I first went to the clinic, I was so afraid that I wouldn't even talk to anyone. But Joe kept trying, and finally I shared my story with him and let him examine me. He told me that God loves me, and he gave me medicine to help me get better. He found me a home with a Christian couple who showed me the way to Jesus.

### Jack

My name is Jack. I was born with a disability and need to use a wheelchair to get around. I need people to help me do just about everything. My parents don't have a lot of money, and my medical expenses are really high. About a year ago, I had grown out of my wheelchair. I hardly fit into it and my feet were dragging on the ground. But a new one cost more than \$1,000 and my parents just didn't have the money. We decided to pray together and ask God to help us. About a week later, there was an envelope in the mailbox. It had no return address. We opened it, and out fell a check for exactly \$1,000! God took care of me!

### CARE

### STORIES

### Paola

My name is Paola. I am 8 years old, and I live in an orphanage in Honduras. I came to the orphanage two years ago. My mom and dad died when I was very small, and I lived on the streets with my brothers and sisters. We were always scared; people tried to hurt us, and we never had enough to eat. I wanted so much to have a home. One day, a man named Dennis came walking down the street we had been sleeping on. We all ran and hid because we thought he would want to hurt us. But he just sat down and began to sing a song about Jesus. We came out slowly and sat around him. He told us about his home and told us that it could be our home, too, if we wanted to go. My brothers and sisters and I have lived here ever since. We have enough food to eat, beds to sleep on, and clothes to wear. And I get to go to school every day!

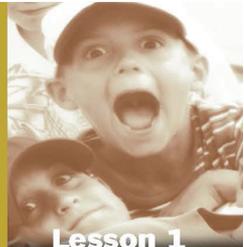
### Tina

Hi, I'm Tina. I'm 14, and I have a son who just turned 1. When my parents found out I was pregnant, they got really mad at me and kicked me out of the house. I didn't know what to do. I stayed at friends' houses, but I knew they didn't really want me there. I felt really scared and sad. I went to church one Sunday, and a lady stood up in class and started talking about a new pregnancy center she was opening for women in "crisis pregnancies." I figured I was in a crisis, so I got up the nerve and talked to her after church. She gave me a big hug and then took me home with her. My son and I still live here; I'm finishing school, and I'm handling life better.

### CARE

# PRAYER

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).



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God provides extravagant care for his children, a fact that is clearly demonstrated in the account of Elisha and the widow. The widow found herself in a desperate, frightening situation—her husband had died, leaving her and their two sons with no means to provide for themselves or pay off their debts. She called out to the prophet Elisha for help. Elisha told the widow to do something strange: borrow all the jars she could from her neighbors. Miraculously, the little bit of oil the widow had in her home was enough to fill all the jars, which she could then sell to pay her debts! God always provides. (2 Kings 4:1-7)

- How do desperate people ask for help?
- Why do you think God meets needs the way he does?
- What does this Bible passage show about how God cares for needy people?

## Family Fun



Work with your family to create an "Extravagant Care" kit. Include nonperishable food items, such as bottles of juice, crackers, and fruit in snack packs, as well as a roll of quarters, a washcloth and a bar of soap, and a small Bible. Put the kit into a paper bag and include a note that says "God loves you!" Keep the kit in your car. The next time you see someone asking for food or money, give that person the care kit with a smile. As you work together, discuss God's amazing care for each of his children.

### Daily Challenge

Care for needy people this week:

- Write down one specific way to help the person in need you shared about in the last activity.
- Visit an elderly neighbor or help a neighbor out by doing some yardwork.
- Think of one way to meet the need of a family member.

## The WORD for the Week

**MONDAY**  
Jeremiah 49:11

God protects the widows and the orphans of this world. What kinds of needs do widows and orphans have?

**TUESDAY**  
James 1:27

How do you think someone becomes "polluted by the world"? How can you avoid that?

**WEDNESDAY**  
Exodus 22:25

God's Word tells us to give generously to those in need, with compassion. How can you show compassion to someone who owes you something?

**THURSDAY**  
Deuteronomy 10:18

God tells us to give to those in need. What can you give to someone this week?

**FRIDAY**  
1 Samuel 2:8

God's Word promises to lift up the needy from their bad situations and to place them on thrones of honor. Who do you know who needs your encouragement this week? What can you do to show God cares for that person?

**SATURDAY**  
Psalm 40:17

Whenever we are in need, all we have to do is pray and God helps us. What are some needs you can pray about this week?

## Bible Point

God cares for needy people.

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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SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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*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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