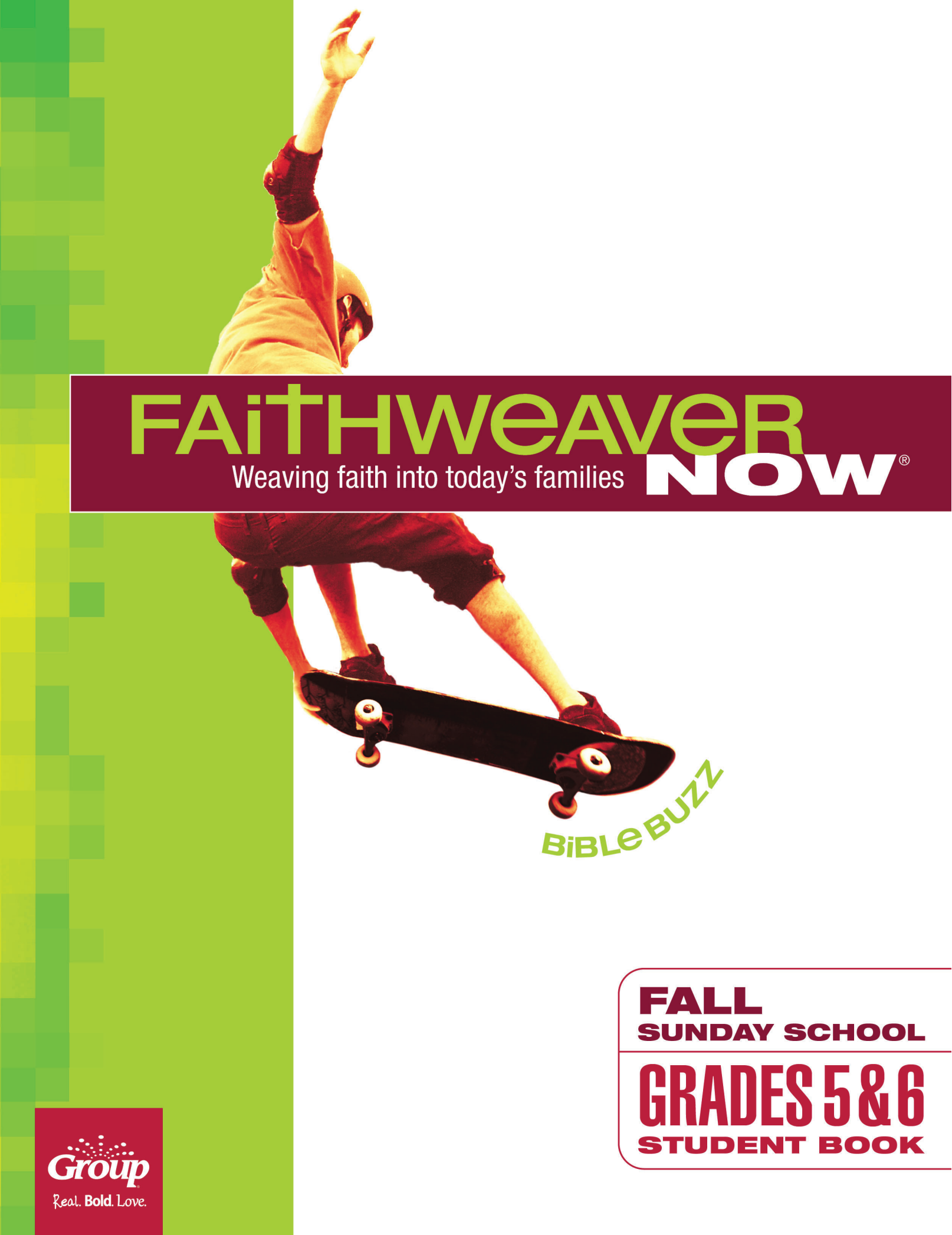




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Dear Parents,

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



Create-a-World

Your mission is to create a world using only the supplies you've been given. Once you've created your world, you must think up a species of beings that live on your new planet. Then create vegetation, a climate, a source of light, and so on. You may create whatever will make your planet unique. Here are some questions to think about as you create:

What will we create first? **Why?**

Do we want our creatures to look like us? In **what way?**

How will we take care of the planet?

Will there be a source of air? water?

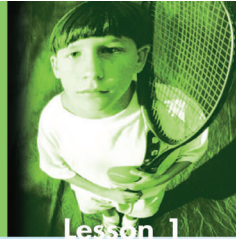
Will there be any laws that govern the planet? **What?**

Amazing Facts About the Earth

Well, you do live on it. So how much do you know about this place we call earth?
Check out these amazing things about our world!

- Earth is the third planet from the sun and the fifth largest (and it's the prettiest!)
- It was not until the time of Copernicus (the 16th century) that it was understood that the earth is just another planet. Before that, everyone believed the sun revolved around the earth instead of the other way around, as we know today.
- It was not until the 20th century that we had maps of the entire planet.
- The earth's crust is the part we live on and is quite thin, only about 20 miles thick. Think of it as the skin on an apple.
- Ever tear apart a golf ball? The inside of the earth kind of looks like that—different layers made of different materials, such as iron, silicon, and magnesium.
- Temperatures at the center of the earth's core may be as high as 7,500 K—hotter than the surface of the sun. You would need SPF 1 billion sunscreen!
- The earth is the densest planet in the solar system. So when we say the earth is dense, it's a *good* thing!
- The earth's crust is divided into eight separate solid plates that float around independently on top of the hot mantle below. These plates are named for the continents they sit under.
- Seventy-one percent of the earth's surface is covered with water. Water skiing, anyone?
- Do you know why the sky is blue? The earth's atmosphere is a unique mix of 77 percent nitrogen, 21 percent oxygen, and a few other chemicals, as well as dust and water. When light filters through this mixture, we see the blend as blue!
- The earth's magnetic field is produced by electric currents in the core. If you connected an extension cord to the earth's core, how long would it need to be to reach you? About 4,000 miles!

Key Verse: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).



In the Bible

Lights! Camera! Action! The awesome creative power of God far surpasses the special effects of the best science-fiction movie made. God created the entire universe, including our planet. Then God made plant and animal life to live on the land and in the seas, and he filled the air with birds of all kinds. Finally, on the last day of Creation, God created humankind, a man and a woman, with the special quality of being made in God's image.

- What questions would you like to ask God about the days of Creation?
- What aspect of Creation most fills you with awe for God?
- What do you think of yourself and others knowing we're made in God's image?

Daily Challenge

Choose one of these specific ways you can thank God this week for his creation.

- Do one thing you don't normally do to take care of God's creation.
- Spend time outside thanking God for his wonderful creation.
- Write a letter to God telling him what you're thankful for in his creation.

Family Fun

Go for a nature hike! Plan some time to get away from your home. Take a camera or camera phone to record some of your observations. Look closely at the things around you—look for patterns, designs, and qualities you've never noticed before, such as the design and symmetry of flower petals, leaves, and the wings of birds or insects. Talk about God's creativity as you observe his awesome world.

The WORD for the Week

Monday

Genesis 1:1-5

- What are things you like about the day? the night?

Tuesday

Genesis 1:6-8

- What are good things God's given us through the sky and water?

Wednesday

Genesis 1:9-13

- What are your favorite fruits or vegetables? The next time you eat them, thank God for creating food for us to eat.

Thursday

Genesis 1:14-19

- Write down your thoughts after experiencing a sunrise or sunset. You can also observe the moon and stars for the next few days.

Friday

Genesis 1:20-23

- Discover how many different fish or birds you can name. What does the variety tell you about God?

Saturday

Genesis 1:24-27, 31

- Why do you think it's good that God made boys and girls—and made each of us unique?

Bible Point

God made the world.

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	God Creates the World (Genesis 1:1-2:3)	"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).	God made the world.
WEEK 2	God Creates Adam and Eve (Genesis 2:4-22)	"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well" (Psalm 139:14).	God made us.
WEEK 3	Adam and Eve Sin (Genesis 3)	"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).	God doesn't want us to sin.
WEEK 4	Cain Kills Abel (Genesis 4:1-16)	"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves" (Romans 12:10).	God wants us to love our families.
WEEK 5	Noah Builds the Ark (Genesis 6:5-22)	"Peter and the other apostles replied: 'We must obey God rather than men!'" (Acts 5:29).	God wants us to obey.
WEEK 6	God Floods the Earth (Genesis 7-8; 9:8-16)	"The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made" (Psalm 145:13).	We can count on God's promises.
WEEK 7	People Build a Tower at Babel (Genesis 11:1-9)	"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:5).	We put God first.
WEEK 8	Abram Follows God's Direction (Genesis 12:1-8)	"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:5-6).	We can always trust God.
WEEK 9	Lot and Abram Divide the Land (Genesis 13)	"Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31).	God wants us to put others first.
WEEK 10	God Makes a Covenant With Abram (Genesis 15:1-18)	" '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).	God has good plans for us.
WEEK 11	Abraham's Visitors/Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18:1-19:29)	"For nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37).	God does amazing things.
WEEK 12	Isaac Is Born (Genesis 21:1-6)	"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4).	Thank God for his gifts.
WEEK 13	God Cares for Hagar and Ishmael (Genesis 21:8-21)	"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9).	God always hears us when we pray.



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