



FAITHWEAVER

Weaving faith into today's families **NOW**[®]

FALL
SUNDAY SCHOOL

INFANTS, TODDLERS
& 2s
TEACHER GUIDE

FAITHWEAVER

Weaving faith into today's families **NOW**[®]

**FALL
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**INFANTS, TODDLERS
& 2s
TEACHER GUIDE**



YOUR ACTIVATION CODE IS NOW LOCATED INSIDE THE TEACHER PACK!

Group

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.

Group

group.com/sunday-school

We know you care about kids...

We do, too!

That's why we attempt to ensure that all crafts, toys, and gizmos meet or exceed national safety standards—and are produced by manufacturers that don't use child labor or abuse their labor force. You can order Group resources knowing that in addition to caring for *your* kids, you're also caring for children elsewhere.

Let's keep kids safe!

We strive to provide products that are mechanically reliable and hold together during normal, intended usage. Items are also checked for flammability, and both paint and surface coatings are checked for heavy metals—including lead.

You can help your children stay safe by seeing that toys and gizmos are used as designed, for the purposes designed, and that any broken pieces are disposed of promptly and properly. We value your feedback. If you become aware of a problem affecting the safety of any of our products, please inform us immediately.

FaithWeaver NOW® Bible Curriculum, Infants, Toddlers & 2s, Fall

Copyright © 2000 and 2015 Group Publishing, Inc./0000 0001 0362 4853

All rights reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced in any manner whatsoever without prior written permission from the publisher, except where noted in the text and in the case of brief quotations embodied in critical articles and reviews. For information, visit group.com/permissions.

OK TO COPY When you see the OK TO COPY icon, this means permission to photocopy the page from FaithWeaver NOW® Bible Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers & 2s, Fall, is granted for local church use. Copyright © Group Publishing, Inc. group.com

Credits

Contributing Authors: Linda A. Anderson, Julie Lavender, Barbie Murphy, Anna Goodwin Smith

Editors: Erica L. Feucht, Scott Firestone IV, Jennifer Hooks, Stephanie Martin, Jessica Sausto, Owen Shattuck, Ali Thompson, Christine Yount Jones

Copy Editors: Lyndsay Gerwing, Becky Helzer, Andrea Zimmerman

Chief Creative Officer: Joani Schultz

Cover Design and Art Direction: Jeff Spencer

Interior Design Team: Jared Bigham, Jeff Brunacci, Kate Elvin, Suzi Jensen, Randy Kady, Rebecca Swain

Cover Photographer: Rodney Stewart

Illustrator: Nancy Munger

All Scripture quotations, unless otherwise indicated, are taken from the Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide. www.zondervan.com

ISBN 978-1-4707-6611-5

Printed in the United States of America.



Contents

Introduction	4
The Lessons	
.....	
Lesson 1: The Israelites Cross the Red Sea—Exodus 13:17–14:31	5
Lesson 2: God Sends Quail and Manna—Exodus 16:1-26	21
Lesson 3: God Provides Water—Exodus 17:1-7	37
Lesson 4: God Gives the Ten Commandments (Part 1)—Exodus 19:16–20:21	53
Lesson 5: God Gives the Ten Commandments (Part 2)—Exodus 19:16–20:21	69
Lesson 6: The Israelites Worship a Golden Calf—Exodus 32:1-25	83
Lesson 7: The Israelites Build the Tabernacle—Exodus 35:4–36:38	99
Lesson 8: Moses Sends Spies Into the Promised Land—Numbers 13:1–14:23	115
Lesson 9: Balaam’s Donkey Talks—Numbers 22:1-38	131
Lesson 10: Joshua Becomes Leader of Israel—Joshua 1:1-11	147
Lesson 11: Joshua Sends Spies to Jericho—Joshua 2:1-24	163
Lesson 12: The Israelites Cross the Jordan River—Joshua 3:1–4:24	179
Lesson 13: God Gives Victory Over Jericho—Joshua 6:1-27	195



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. ■■■■

Sure, you've seen Sunday school aimed at families. But FaithWeaver NOW actually hits the target by having everyone in the family learning about the same Scripture each week.

It's simpler and easier. ■■■■

Sometimes change is a wonderful thing. Gone are the days when you needed to spend hours preparing your lessons and hunting for supplies. FaithWeaver NOW will have you and your team ready to go in a snap.

It's made for NOW. ■■■■

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

What makes FaithWeaver NOW the perfect curriculum for TODAY's church?

- 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.

Thom Schultz Joani Schultz

Thom and Joani Schultz
Chairman and Chief Creative Officer
Group Publishing, Inc.



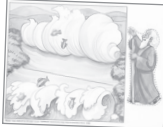


The Israelites Cross the Red Sea

Exodus 13:17–14:31

Young children are just becoming aware of their feelings. They need help finding the language to describe their emotions. When you recognize a feeling that a child is experiencing, name it. You might say, “I see that Josh is feeling happy!” or “Oh, Katie! I see you’re feeling sad.” Help children look to God by turning these acknowledgments into prayers. For example, you could pray, “Thank you, God, for Josh’s happy feelings” or “Dear God, help Katie as she’s feeling sad.” By doing this, you’re helping them learn to express their feelings to God as they grow in their relationship with him.

INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	God Helps Us Learn about how God helped Moses.	scissors, craft stick, tape, spray bottle of water Teacher Pack: “Moses” teaching picture 	Cut out the Moses puppet, and tape it to a craft stick. Make a slit in the “dry land” part of the teaching picture for the puppet to come through.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Drops of Water Touch drops of water.	spray bottle of water, plastic tablecloth	Lay a plastic tablecloth on the floor.
	Hidden Moses Identify feelings with the help of the Moses puppet.	blanket, Moses puppet from the “God Helps Us” activity	Hide the Moses puppet under a blanket.
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	Tear out the letter to parents from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Remove the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.



► Bible Point

God helps us when we’re afraid.

Key Verse

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want” (Psalm 23:1).

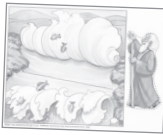
Weaving Faith Into Life

Children will learn to pray and ask God to help them when they’re afraid.





TODDLER

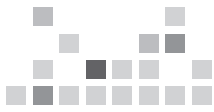
LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to or sing praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	Running From Egypt Hear about Moses crossing the Red Sea.	Bible, scissors, craft stick, tape Teacher Pack: “Moses” teaching picture 	Cut out the Moses puppet, and tape it to a craft stick. Make a slit in the “dry land” part of the teaching picture for the puppet to come through.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Flee Through the Sea Crawl through a “Red Sea” tunnel.	2 chairs, blanket	Drape a blanket over 2 chairs to create a tunnel for toddlers to crawl through.
	In God’s Hands Do a finger play about God helping us when we’re afraid.		
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	Tear out the letter to parents from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Remove the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.



The “Growing With Jesus” page at the end of each lesson includes an in-class craft or activity on one side and a take-home page for parents on the other side. We want to ensure all the information on the parent pages is retained, so we’ve made some adjustments to activities that require cutting. These pages may require a little assembly for parents to use at home, and we’ve included envelopes in the supply lists to keep each child’s pieces together.





2-YEAR-OLD



LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to or sing praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	Through the Water Pretend to be the Israelites as they marched through the Red Sea.	Bible, spray bottle of water Teacher Pack: “The Israelites Cross the Red Sea” poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)	
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Red Sea Walk Play a game depicting the crossing of the Red Sea.	one 12- to 18-inch crepe paper streamer per child	
	Fear Prayers Express fears, pray about them, and then place “sand” on the handout.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Moses Crosses the Red Sea” page (at the end of the lesson), glue, glitter, cotton swabs	Remove the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	Tear out the letter to parents from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

***Bold text** within the lesson is spoken text.*

The “Growing With Jesus” page at the end of each lesson includes an in-class craft or activity on one side and a take-home page for parents on the other side. We want to ensure all the information on the parent pages is retained, so we’ve made some adjustments to activities that require cutting. These pages may require a little assembly for parents to use at home, and we’ve included envelopes in the supply lists to keep each child’s pieces together.





INFANT

1

**GETTING
STARTED**



Tip Don't know the melodies to the songs in this guide? Download the 99-cent Kids Songs app by Alkeo and play the tunes for 200+ common children's songs.

Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do

Sing or listen to "Wherever You Go" (Joshua 1:9) (track 2 on the CD) anytime during the lesson. Sing as you rock, feed, or play with infants.



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.

Wherever you go.

(Repeat 2x.)

Wherever you go.

Wherever you go.

Wherever you go.

"Wherever You Go" (Joshua 1:9) by Jay Stocker. © 2006 Group Publishing, Inc. All rights reserved.

Afterward, say: ► **GOD HELPS US WHEN WE'RE AFRAID.**

Sing "Little Baby, Don't Be Afraid" (not on the CD) to the tune of "The Mulberry Bush" anytime during the lesson. Use it as a lullaby to calm a fussy baby. Rock babies in your arms while singing the lullaby calmly.



Little baby, don't be afraid,

Don't be afraid, don't be afraid.

Little baby, don't be afraid.

God is here to help you.

Afterward, say: ► **GOD HELPS US WHEN WE'RE AFRAID.**



Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

Teacher Pack

CD: "Wherever You Go"
(Joshua 1:9) (track 2)





God Helps Us Supplies

scissors
craft stick
tape
spray bottle of water

Teacher Pack

“Moses” teaching
picture

God Helps Us Easy Prep

Cut out the Moses
puppet, and tape it to a
craft stick. Make a slit
in the “dry land” part
of the teaching picture
for the puppet to come
through.

Drops of Water Supplies

spray bottle of water
plastic tablecloth

Drops of Water Easy Prep

Lay a plastic tablecloth
on the floor.

2

BIBLE EXPLORATION

God Helps Us

What You'll Do

Hold a baby on your lap. Spray a few drops of water on the baby's hand.

Say: **What was that? That was water.** Show the baby the teaching picture. **Moses and his people were afraid. They couldn't get across the water. But God helped them. God moved the water out of the way.** Insert the Moses puppet through the slit in the picture. Encourage baby to touch the Moses puppet as you move it. **God helped Moses when he was afraid.** ► **GOD HELPS US WHEN WE'RE AFRAID, too.**

3

WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Drops of Water

What You'll Do

Spray some drops of water on the tablecloth. Encourage your crawlers to explore the drops of water. Hold your non-crawlers, and help them explore the drops of water.

Say: **Moses and his people couldn't get across the water. They were afraid. But God helped them.** ► **GOD HELPS US WHEN WE'RE AFRAID.**

Hidden Moses

What You'll Do

Set a baby on the floor near you.

Say: **Where's Moses?** Pause. **He's under the blanket. Is he afraid under there?** Pause. Then lift the blanket, and peek at Moses. Have Moses say, "I was afraid, but God helped me."

Put the blanket over baby's head. Say: [Baby's name], **are you afraid under there? God is always with us, and ►GOD HELPS US WHEN WE'RE AFRAID.** Sneak the Moses puppet under the blanket, and say: **Brave Moses! Brave baby! ►GOD HELPS US WHEN WE'RE AFRAID.**

Weaving Faith at Home


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

Have children take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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

TODDLER

1 GETTING STARTED

 **Tip** Don't know the melodies to the songs in this guide? Download the 99-cent Kids Songs app by Alkeo and play the tunes for 200+ common children's songs.



Hidden Moses Supplies

blanket
Moses puppet from the "God Helps Us" activity

Hidden Moses Easy Prep

Hide the Moses puppet under a blanket.

Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)

Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Tear out the letter to parents from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Remove the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.





Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

Teacher Pack

CD: "Wherever You Go"
(Joshua 1:9) (track 2)

Running From Egypt Supplies

Bible
scissors
craft stick
tape

Teacher Pack

"Moses" teaching
picture


Running From Egypt Easy Prep

Cut out the Moses puppet, and tape it to a craft stick. Make a slit in the "dry land" part of the teaching picture for the puppet to come through.

Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do

Sing or listen to "Wherever You Go" (Joshua 1:9) (track 2 on the CD) anytime during the lesson. Hold both of a toddler's hands, and wiggle his or her arms back and forth in time to the music.


 **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.
Wherever you go.
(Repeat 2x.)**

**Wherever you go.
Wherever you go.
Wherever you go.**

"Wherever You Go" (Joshua 1:9) by Jay Stocker. © 2006 Group Publishing, Inc. All rights reserved.

Afterward, say: ► **GOD HELPS US WHEN WE'RE AFRAID.**

Sing "Little Baby, Don't Be Afraid" (not on the CD) to the tune of "The Mulberry Bush" anytime during the lesson, changing the word *baby* to *friend*. Hold both of a toddler's hands, and sing as you move around in a circle.

 **Little baby, don't be afraid,
Don't be afraid, don't be afraid.
Little baby, don't be afraid.
God is here to help you.**

Afterward, say: ► **GOD HELPS US WHEN WE'RE AFRAID.**

2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

Running From Egypt

What You'll Do

Sit on the floor with one or two toddlers. Open your Bible to Exodus 13, and show toddlers the words. Tell them the Bible is God's special book. Hold up the Moses puppet.



Say: **The Bible tells about a man named Moses. Moses and his people were running away from Egypt. Let's make the sound of people running.** Show toddlers how to pat their hands on their legs. **Moses and his people ran until they came to some water. Splish, splash, splish, splash.** Show toddlers how to slap the floor with open hands. **The people were afraid. They didn't know how to get across the water. But we know that ► GOD HELPS US WHEN WE'RE AFRAID.**

Show toddlers the teaching picture. Put the Moses puppet through the slit, and make him walk on dry land.

Say: **God made some dry land to walk on. Listen to the sound of the dry sand.** Rub your palms together, encouraging the toddlers to copy the motion. **Off Moses and his friends went. Hooray! They walked to the other side. Then the water filled the sea again.** Clap your hands together. **God helped the people when they were afraid. ► GOD HELPS US WHEN WE'RE AFRAID, too. Thank you, God!**



3

**WEAVING FAITH
INTO LIFE**

Flee Through the Sea

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Set one or two toddlers next to the blanket tunnel. Say: **Moses and his people had to go from one place to another really fast.** Encourage children to see how quickly they can crawl through the tunnel. Some may not like the dark inside the tunnel and may resist crawling through.

Say: **God helped Moses when he was afraid. ► GOD HELPS US WHEN WE'RE AFRAID, too.**

Give each child a big hug when he or she makes it through the tunnel. Many children will want to repeat this experience several times.

In God's Hands

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Have everyone sit on the floor, and enjoy this finger play with toddlers. Encourage toddlers to repeat the motions after you.

Say: **Many, many Israelites tromping through the sand, (rock from side to side, and slap your palms against the floor as you go from one side to the other)**
One stepped out and touched wet land. Splash! (bring arms to chest; then push arms out on the word "splash")

Flee Through the Sea Supplies

2 chairs
blanket

Flee Through the Sea Easy Prep

Drape a blanket over 2 chairs to create a tunnel for toddlers to crawl through.





Weaving Faith at Home

Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

Weaving Faith at Home

Easy Prep

Tear out the letter to parents from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Remove the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

Sing and Celebrate

Supplies

CD player

Teacher Pack

CD: “Wherever You Go” (Joshua 1:9) (track 2)

Moses called on God. God had a plan. (*place palms together as in prayer*)
“Don’t be afraid! You’re in my hands!” (*cup hands together in front of chest*)

Say: **God gave the Israelites dry land to walk on. God helped them when they were afraid. ► GOD HELPS US WHEN WE’RE AFRAID, too. Yay, God!**

Weaving Faith at Home

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

Have children take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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

2-YEAR-OLD

1

GETTING STARTED




Tip Don’t know the melodies to the songs in this guide? Download the 99-cent Kids Songs app by Alkeo and play the tunes for 200+ common children’s songs.

Sing and Celebrate

What You’ll Do

Sing or listen to “Wherever You Go” (Joshua 1:9) (track 2 on the CD) anytime during the lesson. Encourage twos to march in place as they sing.

 **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.
 Wherever you go.**
 (*Repeat 2x.*)



Wherever you go.
Wherever you go.
Wherever you go.

“Wherever You Go” (Joshua 1:9) by Jay Stocker. © 2006 Group Publishing, Inc. All rights reserved.

Afterward, say: ► **GOD HELPS US WHEN WE’RE AFRAID.**

Sing “Little Baby, Don’t Be Afraid” (not on the CD) to the tune of “The Mulberry Bush” anytime during the lesson, changing the word *baby* to *friend*. Have twos stand in a circle, hold hands, and move around the circle as they sing.

🎵 **Little baby, don’t be afraid,
Don’t be afraid, don’t be afraid.
Little baby, don’t be afraid.
God is here to help you.**

Afterward, say: ► **GOD HELPS US WHEN WE’RE AFRAID.**

2 BIBLE
EXPLORATION

Through the Water

What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Lay the “Israelites Cross the Red Sea” poster on the floor, and let children look at it while you tell about the Israelites crossing the Red Sea.

Open your Bible to Exodus 13, and show children the words. Tell them the Bible is God’s special book. Say: **Show me what you do when you’re afraid.** Let the twos share. **Show me your scared face.** Pause.

Say: **There was a man named Moses who was the leader of God’s people.** Point out Moses on the poster. **The Israelites were running away from Egypt. Let’s stand up and run in place. Lift your legs and run fast!** Continue telling what happened as twos run in place. **The Israelites came to some water. Then they stopped.** After twos have run in place for about 30 seconds, spray some water in the air above them, letting it fall on them. Encourage them to stop when they feel the water. Then point to the waves in the poster. **The waves were big. There was too much water to walk through. There was too much water to swim across.** Allow each child to spray water on the Israelites in the poster. **The Israelites didn’t know what to do. They were afraid.**

Let’s pretend that you’re the Israelites. I’ll be Moses. Follow me wherever I go. March around the room. Encourage the children to follow you. Lead them back to where



Through the Water Supplies

- Bible
- spray bottle of water
- Teacher Pack**
- “The Israelites Cross the Red Sea” poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)





Red Sea Walk Supplies

one 12- to 18-inch
crepe paper streamer
per child

Fear Prayers Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1
copy per child of the
“Moses Crosses the
Red Sea” page (at the
end of the lesson)

glue
glitter
cotton swabs

Fear Prayers Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 1
pages from each My
Bible Snuggles student
book.

you started. Then point out Moses on the poster, and say: **God led Moses, and Moses led his people, just as I led you. God knew the people were afraid, so God helped them. He made dry land for them to walk on, while the water stood high all around them.** Walk around the group of children, spraying the water bottle away from them. **God helped the people stay safe. God helped the Israelites when they were afraid.**
▶ **GOD HELPS US WHEN WE’RE AFRAID, too.**


3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Red Sea Walk

What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Form two groups of 2-year-olds. One group will be the Israelites; the other will be the Red Sea. Have the Red Sea group stand in two lines facing each other. Give the children in the Red Sea group each a crepe paper streamer to hold up high and shake while the Israelites are walking through.

Sing “Red Sea Walk” to the tune of “Ring Around the Rosie” while children are walking through the “Red Sea.” Have the Red Sea group fall down after the “Israelites” have walked through. If necessary, sing the song twice to give time for all the Israelites to walk through the “Red Sea.”

 **Walking through the Red Sea,
The Israelites are home free!
Splashes, splashes,
The sea falls down!**

Have the groups change roles, and do the activity and song again.

Afterward, say: **God helped the Israelites when they were afraid. ▶ GOD HELPS US WHEN WE’RE AFRAID, too.**

Fear Prayers

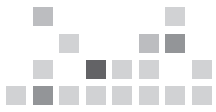
What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Have your 2-year-olds sit near you.

Say: **I was afraid of [name something you were afraid of], but God helped me. ▶ GOD HELPS US WHEN WE’RE AFRAID.**

Ask:

- **What are some things you’re afraid of?**



Pray with children about their fears. Children this age are relatively new to praying aloud in a group. You may need to word the prayers for them. For example, you could say, “God, Susie is afraid when her mom leaves her at preschool. Please help her not be afraid.” Then say to the child, “You can pray, too. Say, ‘I’m afraid; please help me.’ ” Allow time for the child to pray.

After all the children have had an opportunity to pray with you, give each a copy of the “Moses Crosses the Red Sea” page. Squirt about a nickel-sized dot of glue on the dry land part of each child’s handout, and show children how to use cotton swabs to spread the glue on the path through the parted Red Sea. Have children sprinkle glitter onto the glue to help them remember the dry land the Israelites walked on.

Say: **The Israelites were afraid when they couldn’t get across the water. God helped the Israelites by giving them dry land. ► GOD HELPS US WHEN WE’RE AFRAID, too.**

Weaving Faith at Home

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

Have children take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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



Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Tear out the letter to parents from each My Bible Snuggles student book.





Growing With Jesus



Dealing With Your Child's Fears

A newborn's response to a loud noise or sudden shift in position is known as the startle reflex. While pediatricians tell us it's simply a reflex response, sometime between their fourth and sixth months, many children begin to develop specific fears. Depending on the child, he or she will deal with these fears differently, but you can help. In addition to praying with your child, show your child how to handle the thing that's causing him or her to be afraid. For example, if your child is afraid of a family pet, talk through the steps you take in approaching the animal.

**OK
TO COPY**

Your child learned God helps us when we're afraid (from Exodus 13:17-14:31). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

INFANT

Drops of Water

Lay a plastic tablecloth on the floor. Spray some drops of water onto the tablecloth, and encourage your child to explore the drops of water.

Say: **Moses and his people couldn't get across the water. They were afraid. But God helped them. God helps us when we're afraid, too.**

TODDLER

Flee Through the Sea

Drape a blanket over two chairs to create a tunnel for your toddler to crawl through. Tell your child that Moses and his people had to go from one place to another really fast. Encourage your child to see how quickly he or she can crawl through the tunnel.

Say: **God helped Moses when he was afraid. God helps us when we're afraid, too.**

2-YEAR-OLD

Fear Prayers

Sit down with your child. Say: **I was afraid of** [name something you were afraid of], **but God helped me. God helps us when we're afraid.** Ask your child about things he or she is afraid of.

Pray for your child about his or her fears. Then say to your child: **You can pray, too. Say, "I'm afraid; please help me."** Allow time for your child to pray.

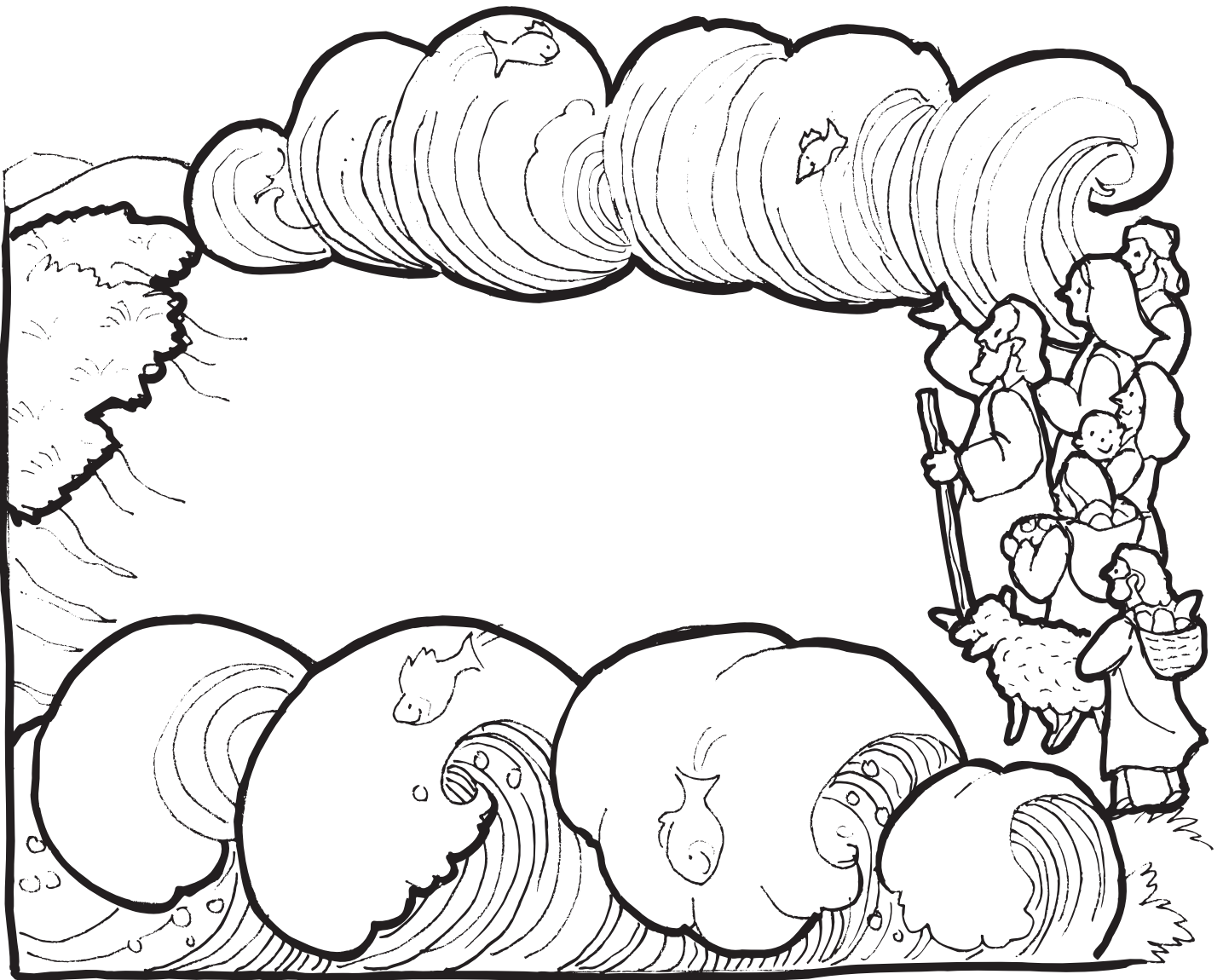
Say: **The Israelites were afraid when they couldn't get across the water. God helped the Israelites by giving them dry land. God helps us when we're afraid, too.**

Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- While your child is taking a bath, tell about Moses crossing the Red Sea and how God helped Moses when Moses was afraid. Have your child try to separate the water, and talk about the miracle God performed that day.
- Play a game of Hide-and-Seek. When your child comes near your hiding place, jump out and say, "Hey, you!" After a good laugh, tell your child that you're proud of how brave he or she is becoming with God's help.



Moses Crosses the Red Sea



**OK
TO COPY**
Illustrated by Nancy Munger.



FaithWeaver NOW is for today's Sunday school teachers. It's developed by real Sunday school teachers, examined by real ministry leaders, and tested and approved by thousands of churches so you get great lessons that work with today's families.

This quarter you'll explore these Bible passages:

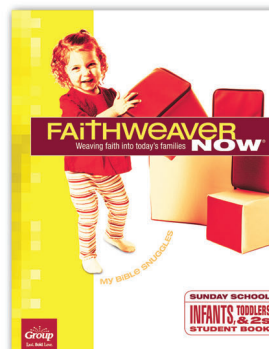
	BIBLE CONTENT/SCRIPTURE	KEY VERSE	BIBLE POINT
WEEK 1	The Israelites Cross the Red Sea (Exodus 13:17-14:31)	"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want" (Psalm 23:1).	God helps us when we're afraid.
WEEK 2	God Sends Quail and Manna (Exodus 16:1-26)		God gives us what we need.
WEEK 3	God Provides Water (Exodus 17:1-7)		God always loves us.
WEEK 4	God Gives the Ten Commandments (Part 1) (Exodus 19:16-20:21)	"You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3).	Obey God.
WEEK 5	God Gives the Ten Commandments (Part 2) (Exodus 19:16-20:21)		God says to treat others kindly.
WEEK 6	The Israelites Worship a Golden Calf (Exodus 32:1-25)		Worship only God.
WEEK 7	The Israelites Build the Tabernacle (Exodus 35:4-36:38)		We all can serve God.
WEEK 8	Moses Sends Spies Into the Promised Land (Numbers 13:1-14:23)	"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).	Be brave for God.
WEEK 9	Balaam's Donkey Talks (Numbers 22:1-38)		Pay attention to God.
WEEK 10	Joshua Becomes Leader of Israel (Joshua 1:1-11)		God is with us.
WEEK 11	Joshua Sends Spies to Jericho (Joshua 2:1-24)	"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).	Believe in God.
WEEK 12	The Israelites Cross the Jordan River (Joshua 3:1-4:24)		Remember to thank God.
WEEK 13	God Gives Victory Over Jericho (Joshua 6:1-27)		God is powerful.

PLUS...

Access all these **FREE FaithWeaver NOW digital resources** at group.com/digital:

- **FREE digital copies of Teacher Guides** in Word and PDF format so you can easily customize any lesson to your ministry. Sharing lessons with busy volunteers couldn't be easier! *See inside for activation code.*
- **A FREE downloadable Director Manual** to help you structure your program for maximum effectiveness.
- **FREE weekly FamilyConnect pages** you can print out or email to parents to help families grow together in faith throughout the week.

Don't forget...



My Bible Snuggles*

This convenient booklet collects all of the reproducible coloring and take-home pages from this quarterly teacher guide to save you the time and expense of photocopying.

***Optional—get one for each of your little ones.**



THIS IS A SAMPLE
The number of pages is limited.

Purchase the item for the complete version.

