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Weaving faith into today's families

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BIBLE TREK

**FALL
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENT BOOK**

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

Person-to-person interaction enhances spiritual growth and builds Christian friendships.

Experiential

What we experience through action and discussion sticks with us up to 9 times longer than what we simply hear or read.

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one by one from
this book, starting
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



Bringing It Home

Read this quote with your family, and then talk it over.

“Every production must resemble its author.” —MIGUEL DE CERVANTES

- What can we learn from God's creation?
- What do you think the Bible means when it says we are created in the image of God?
- What are some family traditions our family has created? What do they tell us about our family?

Daily Challenge

- Spend time outside praising God for the beauty of creation.
- Identify a tough situation, and ask God to bring light and hope, just as he created light when there was nothing.
- Pick one category of creation to focus on each day. As you see things in that category, ask God to reveal himself to you through what you can see in his creation.



Try This

Pile everyone into the family car! As you drive, have different family members point out things they're thankful God made. Point out unique animals, trees, clouds—anything that shows God's creativity.

Reading the Bible This Week

Sunday / PSALM 8:1 • WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PRAISE GOD FOR CREATING THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH?

Monday / PSALM 8:2-3 • GO OUT AND LOOK AT THE MOON AND STARS TONIGHT. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE WORK OF GOD'S FINGERS?

Tuesday / PSALM 8:4 • HOW DOES GOD CARE FOR YOUR EVERY NEED?

Wednesday / PSALM 8:5 • WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO CROWN THE LORD WITH GLORY AND HONOR?

Thursday / PSALM 8:6 • GOD WANTS YOU TO RULE OVER HIS CREATION. HOW CAN YOU TAKE CARE OF GOD'S CREATION?

Friday / PSALM 8:7-8 • THINK ABOUT SOME OF GOD'S MOST UNIQUE CREATIONS. WHAT DOES THAT SAY ABOUT HIM?

Saturday / PSALM 8:1, 9 • WHY ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR EVEN THE SMALLEST OF THINGS GOD MADE?

Bible Trek

BIBLE TREK STUDY 1

BIBLE POINT: God made the world.

KEY VERSE: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"—Genesis 1:1.

Think It Over

Think about the most creative thing you've ever done. Maybe it was a project in art class. Maybe it was a song you wrote, a joke you made up, or a story you told. Creating is fun and very personal. When you create something, you show everyone an inside portrait of who you are. Just think about God creating the world! In Genesis, we read about it. Have you ever stopped to think about what we can know about God when we take a look at his amazing creation?

• What's the coolest natural thing you've seen this week? What makes it so cool?

• What natural thing have you used the most this week? Why do you need it?

• List five things you are extremely happy God created. Why did you choose those things?

"Father, we thank you, especially for letting me fly this flight...for the privilege of being able to be in this position, to be in this wondrous place, seeing all these many startling, wonderful things that you have created."
—L. Gordon Cooper Jr., U.S. astronaut (prayer while orbiting the earth in a space capsule)

Just for Fun

How would you feel about having surgery—performed by a robot? In a historical and medical milestone, surgeons in New York operated on a patient in Strasbourg, France. That's right, *France*. They completed the entire operation by remote control, which directed a three-armed robot—named Zeus—as it removed the 68-year-old woman's gallbladder. The surgeons controlling the operation were 3,870 miles away from the patient. You may be wondering: What if something went wrong? Well, you'll be glad to know other surgeons stood by in Strasbourg to make sure everything went okay. The entire procedure took only 54 minutes, and the patient went home two days later, totally fine! (NationalGeographic.com)



ADVENTURE

1

Greetings, Earthlings!

Here's What You Need
to Do...

1. TO START OFF...

Say hi to the other people in your group. Then, with your group, follow the rest of the instructions for your adventure!

2. YOU'RE THE JOURNALIST!

You're going to write an article as if you're from another galaxy and you're visiting earth for the first time! Pretend you're a first-time guest on earth, and you've never seen any of the creation we have here. Use your Bible as a reference to think

of what God created, but be as creative as you can. You hear the ocean for the first time. What animal do you see first? How do the birds sound? What would you smell and taste? Have some fun!

3. TALK TO GOD.

Talk to God and ask questions about his creation as you write. You could start with "Why is everything you made so beautiful?" or "How much do you love Adam and Eve? Since you made me, too, how much do you love me?" Include the questions in your article.

4. ASK SOME QUESTIONS.

Get in pairs and share your articles with each other. Compare what you wrote, and talk about what it was like to imagine seeing creation for the first time.

Ask each other these questions:

- What does God's creation tell us about God?
- How can God's creation affect our lives?

Get ready to share your awesome articles and thoughts with everyone!

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ADVENTURE

2

My Earth

Here's What You Need to Do...

1. TO START OFF...

Say hi to the other people in your group. Then, with your group, follow the rest of the instructions for your adventure!

2. GET CREATIVE!

First, get together with a partner. You're going to need all of your imaginative juices because you're about to show—in your own way—what God created! Okay, you may not have God's infinite power, and you may not be able to make something out of *nothing* like he can...but you are creative, and you do have a whole lotta' modeling dough!

3. PICK A COLOR, ANY COLOR.

All right, think about everything God made—and use your Bible as a reference. Now grab some modeling dough! Start with the earth. Choose whatever color you want for land! Then choose a new color for the water. Remember to give different parts of the earth different colors! Now move on to the heavens. You may want to add a few clouds. If you have time, make the moon and sun!

4. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU?

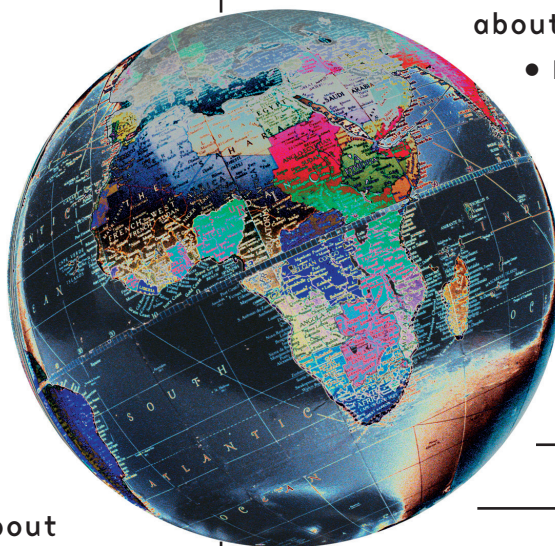
Express yourself in your own way and have fun! But as you're letting all your creativity flow, think about what God might have been thinking as he created everything.

5. DISCUSS IT.

Get back together as a group and talk about what you just made and why you made it look like that (we mean that in a *good* way!). Now talk about why God's creation is so amazingly important! Ask each other these questions:

- What does God's creation tell us about God?
 - How can God's creation affect our lives?
- Get ready to share your awesome creations and thoughts with everyone!

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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.

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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