



# FAITHweaver

Weaving faith into today's families

## NOW<sup>®</sup>



BIBLE TREK

**WINTER  
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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**Tear out pages  
one by one from  
this book, starting  
with Lesson 1 at  
the center of the  
book.**

## Group

**Bible Trek, a weekly in-class and take-home paper for FaithWeaver NOW® Bible Curriculum,  
Middle School, Winter**

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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.

"Be prepared to take a lowly position, as a humble servant; be prepared to pay the price of imitating the example of Jesus."

—Sinclair B. Ferguson,  
KINGDOM LIFE IN A FALLEN WORLD

- How did Jesus' humility lead him to great things?
- How can we be humble and yet experience great things?
- What might be the price of imitating Jesus' example?

*Try This*

Sometime this week, meet together as a family. Have each member of the family share something great Jesus has done or is doing in his or her life. As a family, see if that great thing matches up with any of the prophecies in Psalm 72. Then have all family members share great things they are hoping for Jesus to do in the future.

**Daily Challenge**

Instead of a Daily Challenge, keep a journal of the things Jesus does this week and try to match up each thing with one of the "He will..." statements from Psalm 72. Stop and look at your list several times during the week. Thank Jesus for the great things he is doing, and then pray in hope for a great thing you would like Jesus to do in your future.

## Reading the Bible This Week

Sunday/PHILIPPIANS 2:6-8 • How can you live more like Jesus?

Monday/PHILIPPIANS 1:21 • How can you live better for Christ?

Tuesday/COLOSSIANS 1:15 • What are some of the things Christ created that you're thankful for?

Wednesday/COLOSSIANS 1:16 • What are some of the places Jesus' greatness extends?

Thursday/COLOSSIANS 1:17 • What things in your life do you need Christ to hold together?

Friday/COLOSSIANS 1:18-20 • How does the greatness of Christ affect those of us who follow him?

Saturday/COLOSSIANS 1:21-23 • How does the gospel bring you hope?



# Bible Trek

## BIBLE TREK STUDY 1 MIDDLE SCHOOL

**BIBLE POINT:** Jesus does great things.

**KEY VERSE:** "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus"—1 Timothy 2:5.

### Solomon Tells of Jesus' Coming

#### Psalms 72:1-19

Many scholars believe this psalm was written by Solomon about Jesus. Solomon lived almost a thousand years before Jesus was even born. But God let him see a little bit about what Jesus was like—and Solomon was right on target! Throughout the passage, Solomon correctly predicted that Jesus would judge rightly, defend the weak, and help those in need. Not only did Solomon see the great things Jesus would do, he also saw that many, many people would respond to Jesus and be blessed.

All that Solomon saw about Jesus not only came true during Jesus' time but is also coming true all around us today. Jesus still cares for those in need, Jesus still brings truth and justice, and Jesus still does great things. And many, many people respond to him and grow closer to him every day.

• What are some of the great things you've seen Jesus do?

• What are some of the great things you hope Jesus will do for you?

• If you had to predict what Jesus would do on earth in the next 100 years, what would you say?

### Just for Fun

You think weatherpeople are sometimes off with their predictions? Check out these way-off predictions from the past:

REJECTED!

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"We don't like their sound. Groups of guitars are on the way out."  
—Decca Records, rejecting the Beatles in 1962

"Everything that can be invented has been invented."  
—Charles H. Duell, U.S. commissioner of patents in 1899  
(Newsweek)



"This surely is the way we turn to Christ: to desire **nothing** but him."  
—Richard Rolle, *The Fire of Love*

# Choose Your Own Adventure

## Adventure 1 The Worst Weatherperson Ever

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!

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## Adventure 2 Next!

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. DISCUSS.

As a group, brainstorm some of the ways TV weatherpeople are able to predict the weather. What are some of the buzzwords you will often hear in weather reports? (Think barometric pressure, jet stream, wind chill, and so on.) Why is it important for weatherpeople to understand these things?

### 3. CREATE.

Most weatherpeople predict the weather based on weather patterns, jet streams, and a dozen other factors. But what if there were weatherpeople who weren't quite so... scientific? Your task is to create a quick skit in which several different people are trying out for a weatherperson job at a local station. However, each weatherperson should predict

### 2. SOLVE.

You will find several incomplete sequences. Based on the material given to you, try to predict what the next two items will be in each sequence. You can all work together or work in smaller groups.

1. a, d, g, j,

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2. 48, 24, 12,

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3. 10, 1, 0, 11, 1, 1,

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4. 0, 2, 1, 3, 2, 4, 3,

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5. m, n, l, o, k, p,

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the weather based on all kinds of wacky things (for instance, she has a sore knee, his dog didn't eat breakfast). Take some time as a group to come up with some crazy reasons for your weatherpeople's predictions.

#### **4. PRACTICE.**

Take some time to practice the skit. If your group is especially large, you may want to work in a couple of smaller groups, creating separate short skits. A couple of you can be the station managers watching the tryouts. Others can be the weatherpeople. You could also have several weatherpeople "out in the field" reporting the weather live.

#### **5. DISCUSS.**

Afterward, talk a little about your skit and about what it means to make predictions.

#### **3. DISCUSS.**

As you are working or after everyone has finished, talk about some of the methods you used to determine the next items in the sequences. What were the keys to making accurate predictions? What are the keys to making predictions in other areas of life?

#### **4. CREATE.**

Using letters or numbers, create a couple of your own sequences, leaving blanks as in the ones you just completed. Select someone to write them out for the rest of the group to solve.

What are the keys to making accurate predictions, in weather or other areas? Have someone prepare to introduce your skit by talking about some of the things real weatherpeople usually use to predict the weather.



## **"He Will"**

- Group 1: Psalm 72:1-2; John 8:1-11
- Group 2: Psalm 72:3, 7; Matthew 14:13-21
- Group 3: Psalm 72:4-6; Matthew 15:21-28
- Group 4: Psalm 72:8-11; John 12:12-16
- Group 5: Psalm 72:12-14; Mark 2:1-12

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!**

**WINTER  
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL  
STUDENT BOOK**

*This quarter you'll explore these Bible passages:*

	BIBLE CONTENT/SCRIPTURE	KEY VERSE	BIBLE POINT
WEEK 1	Solomon Tells of Jesus' Coming (Psalm 72:1-19)	"For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5).	Jesus does great things.
WEEK 2	An Angel Appears to Joseph (Isaiah 7:13-14; Matthew 1:18-25)	"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).	Trust God's plans.
WEEK 3	Jesus Is Born (Luke 2:1-20; Hebrews 1:1-4)	"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'" (John 14:6).	Jesus was born to be our Savior.
WEEK 4	Foreign Visitors Worship Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12)	"For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved'" (Romans 10:12-13).	Anyone can worship Jesus.
WEEK 5	Joseph Takes His Family to Safety in Egypt (Matthew 2:13-23)	"The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him" (Nahum 1:7).	God guides us.
WEEK 6	Jesus Is Baptized (Matthew 3:13-17)	"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1).	Jesus is God's Son.
WEEK 7	Peter and Andrew Meet Jesus (John 1:35-42)	"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12).	Jesus is our friend.
WEEK 8	News About Jesus Spreads (Matthew 4:12-25)	"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).	Jesus wants everyone to follow him.
WEEK 9	Jesus Gives the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)	"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things" (Philippians 4:8).	God blesses us when we choose his ways.
WEEK 10	Jesus Teaches That We Are to Be Salt and Light (Matthew 5:13-16)	"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).	Help others see Jesus.
WEEK 11	Jesus Walks on Water (Matthew 14:22-33)	"If we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself" (2 Timothy 2:13).	Jesus helps us believe.
WEEK 12	Zacchaeus Climbs a Tree to See Jesus (Luke 19:1-10)	"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20).	Jesus accepts everyone.
WEEK 13	Jesus Blesses the Children (Mark 10:13-16)	"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Mark 10:14).	Everyone is important to Jesus.





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