



FAITHweaver

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.

Applicable

The aim of ministry is to equip people to be both hearers and doers of God's Word.

Lifelong

Experiences transform the heart, moving faith beyond the walls of church and into everyday life for years to come.

**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, Fall**

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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.

“With a strong belief in God and yourself, truly all things are possible.”

—KURT WARNER, *ALL THINGS POSSIBLE*

- Explain whether you agree or disagree with this quote.
- How can your faith in God affect your life, including your hopes and goals for the future?
- What would it mean for you to rely on God completely?

Try This

Create a sort of “traveling trophy” with your family. It could be an old trophy cup or even just a cool-looking decoration or dish your family has. It should symbolize the times your family members rely on God no matter how difficult! The award should change hands several times throughout the week—passed along every time a family member is “caught” living out the kind of reliance and trust you know God is pleased with.

Daily Challenge

- Find other verses in the Bible that remind you that God is always there for us and that

we can always rely on him. Write them down and keep them where you can look at them when you need them.

- Think of more ways you can invite God into your everyday life. You could pray before every test, project, practice, or important event and ask God to help you through it.

- Have that conversation with the friend or family member that you know God’s been wanting you to have, let God guide you with what to say, and then trust him with whatever happens.

Reading the Bible This Week

Sunday/PHILIPPIANS 3:7-9 • WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO GAIN BY SEEKING CHRIST OVER PERSONAL SUCCESS?

Monday/MATTHEW 10:37-39 • WHAT ARE SPECIFIC WAYS YOU CAN MAKE GOD YOUR FIRST PRIORITY?

Tuesday/MATTHEW 13:44-45 • WHAT’S THE POINT OF THIS SHORT STORY?

Wednesday/MATTHEW 6:19-21 • WHY IS THE PURSUIT OF EARTHLY SUCCESS POINTLESS?

Thursday/MATTHEW 6:33 • WHAT PROMISE IS FOUND IN THIS VERSE?

Friday/PROVERBS 23:4 • WHAT IS A MORE WORTHWHILE PURSUIT?

Saturday/PROVERBS 21:21 • WHAT IS THE FOCUS OF YOUR LIFE?

Bible + treeK

BIBLE TREK STUDY 1

BIBLE POINT: We can rely on God.

KEY VERSE: "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."—Psalm 46:1

David Becomes King

2 Samuel 5:1-5; Psalm 37

Imagine the headlines: "Football-Lovers' Dream: Boy Single-handedly Defeats the Lions, the Bears, and the Giants!"... "King Saul Goes Berserk—Dr. Phil to the Rescue"..."Stars and Swipes—The Bid for King gets Uh-gly."

A no-name kid from the sticks had become a national celebrity, a beloved king with more power, fame, and riches than he could have imagined. Yet it wasn't his good looks that captured people's attention, or his privileged upbringing that caused them to take notice. It wasn't even perfect judgment or flawless instincts that made him a heroic role model. What was King David's secret to success? He sought God. No matter what situation David found himself in, he relied on God to see him through.

People around you—other students at your school, perhaps—may seem really ambitious. They may spend all their time and energy trying to be important and successful, but that road is a dead end. Instead, we should pour our energy into seeking God and relying on him alone.

• **What things do you hope to achieve in life? Why?**

• **How has God been worthy of your trust in the past?**

• **How can you rely on God to move your life in the right direction?**

"I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust' "
—Psalm 91:2.



Just for Fun

Come up with your own wacky definitions for these wild words, and then look them up in a dictionary and see how close you came!

- Higgledy-piggledy
- Ytterbium
- Flummox

Choose Your Own Adventure

ADVENTURE

1

King Campaign

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. CHECK IT OUT.

Get your heads together and read 2 Samuel 5:1-5. Spend some time talking about what was so special about Israel's new king. Read Psalm 37 for an idea of how God looked after King David and how he takes care of us!

3. GET TO WORK.

Put on your thinking caps! You're in charge of an entire campaign. Work on a campaign for King David, focusing on his strong points.

Here's what you need to develop—a catchy slogan, a poster, and a brief persuasive speech introducing your audience to David, plus any other extras you think will show

Choose Your Own Adventure

ADVENTURE

2

Icons

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. HIT THE BOOK.

Read 2 Samuel 5:1-5 and Psalm 37 aloud in your group. Briefly talk about anything that jumps out at you from the passages.

3. PEN TO PAPER...

Form smaller groups of three or four, and work with your group to write your own song for King David's coronation. Be prepared for stardom as you'll soon present your masterpiece!

4. TALK TIME...

When your song is finished and before the class is reunited, spend some time thinking about TV shows that choose a winner based on talent, good looks, and so on.

- How are winners usually chosen in our culture?

- What things do you think God considers when choosing *his* "winners"? Why?

- From reading the passages, what do you think God has in store for people who rely completely on him?

that David is a great candidate for king. Think about class elections from your school, and campaign like you would for that.

4. SHOW OFF.

Now decide how you will present your campaign.

- What qualities made David a standout to be a good king?

- From reading these passages, what “criteria” might God have for people? What does he value?

- What do you think God has in store for people who rely completely on him?



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!

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT BOOK

This quarter you'll explore these Bible passages:

	BIBLE CONTENT/SCRIPTURE	KEY VERSE	BIBLE POINT
WEEK 1	David Becomes King (2 Samuel 5:1-5; Psalm 37)	"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).	We can rely on God.
WEEK 2	David Is Merciful to Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9)	"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves" (Romans 12:10).	Being kind honors God and others.
WEEK 3	God Forgives David (2 Samuel 12:1-7; Psalm 51:1-12)	"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).	God wants us to repent when we sin.
WEEK 4	Absalom Rebels and Is Defeated (2 Samuel 15:1-12; 17:1-12; 18:1-18)	"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).	A self-centered attitude hurts God and others.
WEEK 5	Solomon Asks for Wisdom (1 Kings 2:1-4; 3:3-28)	"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him" (James 1:5).	God gives us wisdom.
WEEK 6	Solomon Writes Many Proverbs (1 Kings 4:29-34; Proverbs 1:1-7)	"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" (Proverbs 9:10).	We become wise by following God's Word.
WEEK 7	Solomon Turns Away From God (1 Kings 11:1-13)	"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).	Be devoted to God.
WEEK 8	The Kingdom Divides (1 Kings 11:28-12:24)	"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble them-selves 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).	Choose to follow God.
WEEK 9	Elijah Helps a Widow (1 Kings 17:7-24)	"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'...But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:31, 33).	Trust God completely.
WEEK 10	Elijah Challenges the Prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:16-40)	"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:2-3).	Choose to serve God.
WEEK 11	God Speaks to Elijah in a Whisper (1 Kings 19:9-18)	"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10).	When we feel alone, God is with us.
WEEK 12	God Takes Elijah to Heaven (2 Kings 2:1-15)	"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).	God wants us to be faithful.
WEEK 13	Jehoshaphat Trusts God for Victory (2 Chronicles 20:1-30)	"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7).	God helps us with our problems.



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