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BIBLE TREK

**SPRING
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENT BOOK**

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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.

"The Lord's Prayer may be committed to memory quickly, but it is slowly learnt by heart."—FREDERICK DENISON MAURICE

• **What does it mean to commit the Lord's Prayer to heart rather than just memorizing it?**

• **How can we keep the Lord's Prayer from losing its meaning to us even if we say it often?**



Try This

Gather the family, and have a special time of prayer. Pray according to Matthew 6:9-13. Start with praising God as your Father. Then spend some time telling him you want his will in your life and in our world. Ask him to provide your daily necessities and to forgive any sins you've committed. Ask God to keep each of your family members from the temptations of sin and to keep the evil one at bay. Thank God for giving us Jesus' model prayer!

S M T W T F S

Reading the Bible This Week

Sunday/PSALM 54:2 • HOW MUCH DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT GOD IS LISTENING WHEN YOU PRAY? HOW CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT MORE DEEPLY?

Monday/LUKE 5:15-16 • WHERE IS YOUR QUIET PLACE TO PRAY? HOW OFTEN DO YOU GO THERE?

Tuesday/DANIEL 6:6-10 • HOW CAN YOU LEARN FROM DANIEL'S BRAVERY IN PRAYING?

Wednesday/PHILIPPIANS 4:6 • HOW DOES PRAYER TAKE AWAY ANXIETY?

Thursday/JAMES 5:13-15 • WHICH OF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES DO YOU NEED TO PRAY ABOUT?

Friday/LUKE 18:9-14 • IN WHAT WAY COULD YOU BE MORE HUMBLE IN YOUR PRAYERS?

Saturday/2 CHRONICLES 7:14 • HOW CAN YOU ENCOURAGE THOSE AROUND YOU TO PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY?

Daily Challenge

• This week when you pray, instead of asking God what he can do for you, ask God to guide you in helping others. Then look for ways to actively be the hands and feet of Jesus to someone this week.

• If you haven't already, memorize Matthew 6:9-13. Say it slowly, adding in your own words between the verses to tell God how you feel about each aspect of the prayer.

• Thank God for your daily bread this week, and then share some with someone else! Is there a family in your neighborhood that would really appreciate a word of encouragement or friendship? Write a card with a meaningful Scripture passage—maybe even the Lord's Prayer—and deliver that card this week. Be sure to tell your neighbors that you're praying for them!



Bible Trek

BIBLE TREK STUDY 1 MIDDLE SCHOOL

BIBLE POINT: We pray to God.

KEY VERSE: "This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'"—Matthew 6:9-13.

Jesus Teaches His Disciples to Pray



MATTHEW 6:5-13

Luke 11 says that one day, after Jesus had been praying, one of his disciples said, "Hey, can you teach us to pray like that?" So Jesus happily taught his disciples what their prayers should look like. We can also see this prayer in Matthew 6. Jesus said we need to make praise and adoration more important than asking for things we want. That we should acknowledge that God gives us all good things, like food and forgiveness and protection from the evil one. If we follow Jesus' example in our own prayer lives, we'll get our heads on straight. Important things will be important, and not-so-important things will be, well, not so important.

- What characteristics do you see in someone who truly follows Jesus' example in his or her prayer life?

- How does God deliver us from the evil one?

JUST FOR FUN

Did you know???

Skunks can shoot their bad-smelling spray about 12 feet.



Foxes sometimes nip at the heels of cattle to make them stomp. That scares mice and other rodents out of the ground, and the fox gets an easy meal.



You can tell the age of a fish by looking at its scales. They have growth rings called circuli to help you determine the age. Circuli form clusters called annuli, which each show one year.

The Northern fur seal has thick fur of about 300,000 hairs per square inch. It relies on its fur to keep it warm

(from funology.com)



Choose Your Own Adventure

ADVENTURE

1

Amazing Creations

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. ASK.

It's been called "the staff of life." Sometimes it means money! Jesus taught his disciples to ask God for their daily bread. Aren't you glad he gives us lots more than just bread to eat? I mean, really, pass the peanut butter, man! Ask your group members what their favorite bread topping is.

3. REMEMBER.

Remember the things Jesus said we should pray about?

- I praise you, God!
- I want your will in my life!
- Thanks for meeting my daily needs, like food!
- Forgive me when I sin!
- Please keep the evil one from tempting me!

4. CREATE.

Look through the craft supplies and decide which ones you want to use to create a symbol representing one of the things Jesus said to pray about. For example, a cross could symbolize Jesus' forgiveness

of sins, or a stop sign could symbolize the prayer for God's help in resisting temptation. You can all work together or form smaller groups and divide up the supplies.

5. DISCUSS.

After you have created and cleaned up, discuss these questions:

- **What does your symbol stand for?**
- **How do your prayers sound compared with the way Jesus taught his disciples to pray?**
- **Besides Jesus, tell about someone who has been a great example to you in his or her prayer life.**
- **How can you be an example in your own prayer life?**

Be prepared to share your adventure experience with the other group.





Choose Your Own Adventure

ADVENTURE **2** Teach Us to PRAY

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. JESUS' DISCIPLES WATCHED JESUS PRAY.

Then they wanted to learn to pray that way. Tell your group some questions you wish you could ask Jesus about prayer.

3. MODEL PRAYER.

In your group, come up with a new way to teach people how to pray, using words people today would understand well. Keep the same basic concepts that Jesus taught in his prayer.

4. ACT IT.

Pick someone to be Jesus; the rest of you be disciples. Put together a little skit showing what you came up with.

After you've practiced a couple of times, answer these questions:

- **What insights did you have about prayer as you came up with a new way to teach the Lord's Prayer?**
- **How do your prayers sound compared with the way Jesus taught his disciples to pray?**
- **Besides Jesus, tell about someone who has been a great example to you in his or her prayer life.**
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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	Jesus Teaches His Disciples to Pray (Matthew 6:5-13)	"This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one' " (Matthew 6:9-13).	We pray to God.
WEEK 2	Jesus Feeds Thousands (John 6:1-15)	"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).	God meets our needs.
WEEK 3	Jesus Explains Eternal Life to Nicodemus (John 3:1-17)	"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).	Jesus gives us eternal life.
WEEK 4	Jesus Talks With the Samaritan Woman (John 4:5-42)	"He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life" (1 John 5:12).	Jesus loves everyone.
WEEK 5	Jesus Tells About the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)	"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32).	Jesus says to love others as ourselves.
WEEK 6	Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead (John 11:1-45)	"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies' " (John 11:25).	Jesus gives us hope.
*WEEK 7	Crowds Welcome Jesus to Jerusalem (Psalm 118:19-29; Matthew 21:1-11)	"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" (Revelation 5:12).	We praise Jesus.
*WEEK 8	Jesus Comes Back to Life (Matthew 27:27-56; 28:1-10)	"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).	Jesus is alive.
WEEK 9	Peter Explains Belief in Jesus (1 Peter 1:3-9)	"Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope" (Romans 5:3-4).	Have faith in Jesus.
WEEK 10	Jesus Returns to Heaven (Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:1-11)	"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20).	Tell others about Jesus.
WEEK 11	Christians Care for One Another (Psalm 23; Acts 2:42-47)	"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:24-25).	God's family takes care of each other.
WEEK 12	Stephen Forgives His Accusers as They Stone Him (Acts 6:8-7:60)	"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15).	We stand up for Jesus.
WEEK 13	Paul Teaches in Athens (Acts 17:16-31)	"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 40:28).	God created heaven and earth.

* Due to the way Easter falls, we recommend rearranging the lessons as needed so Lesson 7 lines up with Palm Sunday and Lesson 8 lines up with Easter.



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