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BIBLE TREK

**SUMMER
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENT BOOK**

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

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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.

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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.

"I trust that as He shall further open the way, I will be ready to walk therein, relying on His help and trusting in His goodness and wisdom."
 —ABRAHAM LINCOLN, TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, JAMES WILSON, IN REGARD TO GOD'S DIRECTION

- **What are some of the ways God shows his direction to us?**
- **Why is it important to follow his direction?**
- **When are God's ways different from the way the rest of the world would choose to go?**

Daily Challenge

- Risk shocking your parents, and do exactly what they tell you to do, right when they ask you, as practice for obeying God.
- Pray every time you do a chore or household task for God to teach you more ways to obey.
- Consider something you thought about sacrificing today as an act of obedience to God. Give up that thing this week.

Try This

Get out your family's favorite board game. Set it up as if you were going to play it, but instead of playing it as you normally would, allow everyone to make up his or her own rules. No one has to abide by anyone else's rules if he or she doesn't want to. It's every person for himself or herself! After everyone has had enough, stop and discuss the importance of rules, not only in games but also in our lives. Take time to thank God for his Word and the directions he gives us for our lives. Then play the game the *right* way.

Reading the Bible This Week

Sunday/PSALM 16:11 • HOW CAN YOU DISCOVER THE PATH GOD WANTS YOU TO WALK THIS WEEK WHEN YOU'RE WITH YOUR FRIENDS?

Monday/PROVERBS 4:25-27 • IN WHAT AREAS DO YOU NEED TO FOCUS MORE ON THE PATH THAT GOD WANTS YOU TO FOLLOW?

Tuesday/PSALM 27:11 • WHAT ARE SOME WAYS THE LORD SHOWS YOU HIS PATH FOR YOU?

Wednesday/MICAH 6:8 • HOW CAN YOU ACT JUSTLY,

LOVE MERCY, AND WALK HUMBLY WITH THE PEOPLE WHO YOU HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME LIKING?

Thursday/PHILIPPIANS 4:8 • HOW DO YOUR TV CHOICES AFFECT YOUR THOUGHTS?

Friday/COLOSSIANS 1:9-10 • WHO CAN YOU BE PRAYING FOR? WHY?

Saturday/COLOSSIANS 3:1-4 • WHEN YOU SET YOUR HEART AND MIND ON "THINGS ABOVE," WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Bible Trek

BIBLE TREK STUDY 1

BIBLE POINT: Obey God.

KEY VERSE: "So be careful to do what the Lord your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left. Walk in all the way that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess" (Deuteronomy 5:32-33).

God Tests Abraham

GENESIS 22:1-18

Think It Over

Abraham was a really old dude when God surprised him and his equally old wife, Sarah, with a son: Isaac. Everything was going great until one day—the day Abraham faced the test.

God told Abraham that he must take his son Isaac up into the mountains and sacrifice him as a burnt offering. (That's something you don't exactly *live* through.) The next morning, Abraham packed up what he needed and set out with Isaac. It didn't take long for Isaac to feel a little...confused. After all, where was the lamb for the burnt offering?

Um, it's not gonna be a lamb, Isaac—it's gonna be you.

As Abraham was about ready to kill his son, an angel stopped him just in the nick of time. There, caught in the nearby bushes, was a beautiful ram. Abraham had proven his obedience to God, and God provided a sacrifice. How do you spell relief? "Ram-in-the-thicket!"

- What questions do you have about God's request?

- What commands of God seem odd or hard for you to obey?

- Are you willing to obey God even when it's tough? Why or why not?

*Who's in your group?
Take a minute to write down everyone's name
and phone number!*

Just for Fun

Q: Did ya hear about the ship that ran aground carrying a cargo of red paint and brown paint?

A: The whole crew was marooned.

LITTLE DIANA: Can you stand on your head?

LULU: No, I can't get my feet up high enough!

"I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go."—Abraham Lincoln

ADVENTURE

1

Rules of the Road

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!

ADVENTURE

2

My Sacrifice

list of as many things you can think of that are an important or frequent part of your life. You can include objects (like pizza), events (like basketball games), people (like your English teacher), or anything else that takes up a lot of your time or attention. List as many things as you can think of in five minutes.

3. CHECK IT TWICE.

Now read through your list, and cross out the things that represent disobedience. Maybe it's not that the thing itself is disobedient, but it's an area you disobey in a lot. Talk to God about how you can give those things to him as a sacrifice.

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. MAKE A LIST.

Find a place to sit by yourself, where you'll really be able to focus. Grab a pen, and use the notes section to make a

4. DISCUSS.

Now get back together with your adventure group and discuss these questions:



2. TALK IT UP.

So you don't have your license yet, but you will in a few years. Imagine what it's like to cruise down the street in your own car. But don't cruise too fast—you could get a ticket.

As a group, brainstorm as many rules and laws as you can think of that a driver has to follow to be safe and legal, and list them in the notes section. (Here are some hints to get you started: obeying speed limits and driving on the right side of the street.)

3. THINK IT THROUGH.

Now brainstorm what the consequences would be for disobeying each of the laws and rules that you came up with.

4. REWARD YOURSELF.

Talk about the benefits of being a safe and obedient driver.

5. RELATE IT TO REAL LIFE.

So how does this relate to real life? Well, God has rules and commands he wants you to obey. Find a partner, and discuss at least one way you need to obey God in your life. Make sure you also talk about the benefits of obeying God in that way.

6. THE FINISH LINE...

Come up with a creative way to share what you did with the students in the other adventure group. For example, you could make a short quiz on some of the driving rules you discovered and see how they do. Then you could share three main points from your discussion.

- What were some of the things you crossed out? In what ways do they represent disobedience?
- What would it look like to truly sacrifice those areas of disobedience?

5. PREPARE TO SHARE.

Think of a creative way to share what your adventure group did. Maybe you'll each read one thing you *didn't* cross out, and then turn your backs to the group and share one thing you *did* cross out.

Notes:



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 Tests Abraham (Genesis 22:1-18)	"So be careful to do what the Lord your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left. Walk in all the way that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess" (Deuteronomy 5:32-33).	Obey God.
WEEK 2	Isaac Marries Rebekah (Genesis 24)	"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).	Pray for God's direction.
WEEK 3	Jacob Deceives Esau and Isaac (Genesis 25:27-34; 27:1-40)	"The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful" (Proverbs 12:22).	Honesty is important to God.
WEEK 4	Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel (Genesis 29:15-30)	"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).	God uses hard times to help us grow.
WEEK 5	Joseph Dreams Disturbing Dreams (Genesis 37:1-11)	"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (John 13:34).	Show Jesus' love in our families.
WEEK 6	Joseph's Brothers Sell Him Into Slavery (Genesis 37:12-36)	"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth" (1 John 3:18).	God wants us to do what's right.
WEEK 7	Pharaoh Puts Joseph in Charge (Genesis 39:20-41:49)	"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" (Colossians 3:23).	We can serve God anywhere.
WEEK 8	Joseph Forgives His Brothers (Genesis 42-45)	"Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Colossians 3:13).	God wants us to forgive.
WEEK 9	God Protects Moses (Exodus 1:1-2:10)	"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).	God protects us.
WEEK 10	Moses Meets God at the Burning Bush (Exodus 2:11-3:20)	"I can do everything through him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13).	God can use us.
WEEK 11	The Israelites Receive Cruel Treatment (Exodus 5:1-6:1)	"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint" (Isaiah 40:31).	God wants us to hope in him.
WEEK 12	God Sends Plagues on Egypt (Exodus 7:8-10:29)	"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).	God uses his power to help us.
WEEK 13	The Israelites Escape From Egypt (Exodus 11:1-12:36)	"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36).	Jesus sets us free.



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