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**WINTER
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENT BOOK**

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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.

“In a word, the Father of Jesus loves sinners. He is the only God man has ever heard of who behaves this way. Unreal gods, the inventions of men, despise sinners. But the Father of Jesus loves all, no matter what they do.”

—BRENNAN MANNING, REFLECTIONS FOR RAGAMUFFINS

- **What does this quote tell us about why Jesus fulfilled God’s promise?**
- **Is it easy or difficult for you to believe that God loves you enough to fulfill his promise to you? Explain.**
- **How does the knowledge of God’s faithful promise-keeping and the experience of his love relate? How can they motivate you to live differently?**



- Make or buy a simple Christmas decoration to give away. Explain to the person you give it to what it means to you that Jesus fulfilled God’s promise.
- Before bedtime three nights this week, spend five minutes sketching a picture of one time that day you knew God was with you.
- Make a list of any promises you’ve made (at least three!), and do what you can to fulfill them.

Try This

Sit in a circle. Designate one person to be the family recorder, and give him or her paper and a pen to create a list. Ask everyone to make a promise to fulfill this week to the person on his or her right. The family recorder should post the list of promises where everyone will see it and remember to follow through. At the end of the week, come back together to share how you fulfilled your promises, how difficult or easy it was and why, and how this experience can influence all the promises you make in the future. Remember to thank God for his faithfulness shown when Jesus fulfilled God’s promise.

Reading the Bible This Week

Sunday/DEUTERONOMY 7:9 • **How can you be faithful to love and obey God today?**

Monday/PSALM 33:4-5 • **How do these verses encourage you to trust God more today?**

Tuesday/PSALM 146:6 • **How has God been your help this week? Have you thanked him for blessing you?**

Wednesday/ROMANS 12:11-12 • **What have you been faithfully praying for? How can you trust God more with that issue today?**

Thursday/1 CORINTHIANS 1:9 • **How will your friendship with Jesus make your life different this week?**

Friday/1 THESSALONIANS 5:23-24 • **How does God’s faithfulness to you inspire you to be more faithful to him?**

Saturday/2 TIMOTHY 2:14 • **How can you remember God this weekend?**

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BIBLE TREK STUDY 1

BIBLE POINT: Jesus fulfilled God's promise.

KEY VERSE: "All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel'—which means, 'God with us' " (Matthew 1:22-23).

Prophets Foretell Jesus' Coming

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

Think It Over

What's the longest you've ever had to wait for someone to fulfill a promise? Maybe your parents promised you a pet but then waited so long you thought they'd never follow through. Or maybe a friend said she'd invite you to her party right when she started talking about it, but your invitation arrived at the very last minute. How long have you waited? A month? A year? Two years? Was it worth the wait? Patience may be a virtue, but no one said it's easy.

God's people may have waited hundreds of years between Jeremiah's prophecy and Jesus' birth. That's hundreds of years of waiting between the promise of a Savior and the Savior's birth, hundreds of years of wavering patience before God fulfilled his promise. But at the right time, Jesus fulfilled God's promise, and the world has never been the same.

- **In general, how patient are you when people make promises?**

- **How seriously do you take promises? Why?**

- **How well do you normally keep your promises? Give examples.**

Just for Fun

Gather some friends and head to the mall. Once there, decide who will spend an imaginary \$100 on whom, and then "shop" away. After about an hour, gather for a steaming mug of hot chocolate, and share what you would have bought for your friend if you'd really had the money.

"God compassionately and miraculously steps in, gets involved, intervenes, and protects his people from their enemies and themselves."
—Brian D. McLaren, *A Generous Orthodoxy*

ADVENTURE

1

What's in a Promise?

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. READ.

Open your Bibles to Jeremiah 33:14-16,

and consider the promises outlined there. Think about what you would expect those promises to mean if God made them today. What would you expect to happen? Discuss your ideas, and write your own opinion below.

- Make a righteous Branch sprout

- Do what is just and right in the land

- Judah will be saved

ADVENTURE

2

Promising Artists

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. READ AND PAINT.

Open your Bibles to Jeremiah 33:14-16. Read the passage on your own, and think of an image that depicts God's promises in

those verses. It could be something very concrete or something very abstract. When you've got it, grab a sponge and paint that image on the sponge using a paintbrush and a generous amount of paint.

3. READ AND IMPRINT.

Now turn to the Key Verse, Matthew 1:22-23. Read that, and stamp your sponge on a piece of paper. Then discuss these questions as a group:

- How well did your sponge print depict what you had in mind when you painted on the sponge?
- How is that like or unlike the way Jesus fulfilled the promises in Jeremiah 33?

4. PREPARE TO SHARE.

Have everyone get ready to stand in a line and show your sponges and your sponge prints. Nominate someone to share what you discussed.

- Jerusalem will live in safety

3. DISCOVER.

Now open your Bibles to the Key Verse, Matthew 1:22-23. As a group, discuss how these verses are a fulfillment of what God promised in Jeremiah 33. How are they different from what you expected?

4. PREPARE TO SHARE.

Choose one person per promise to share what they thought it might mean. Then have another person share how Jesus was a fulfillment of God's promises.

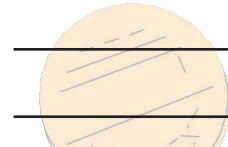






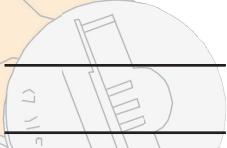


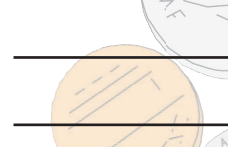

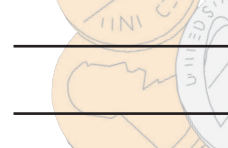


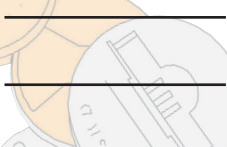
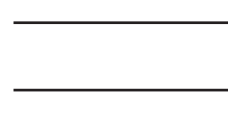
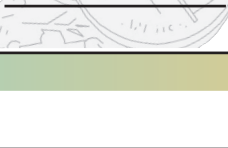


Heads or Tails?



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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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STUDENT BOOK**

This quarter you'll explore these Bible passages:

	BIBLE CONTENT/SCRIPTURE	KEY VERSE	BIBLE POINT
WEEK 1	Prophets Foretell Jesus' Coming (Jeremiah 33:14-16)	"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel'—which means, 'God with us'" (Matthew 1:22-23).	Jesus fulfilled God's promise.
WEEK 2	Zechariah Prophesies About Jesus (Luke 1:68-79)	"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him" (John 3:17).	The world needs Jesus.
WEEK 3	John Prepares People for Jesus' Coming (Luke 3:7-18)	"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).	Repenting prepares us for Jesus.
WEEK 4	The Son of God Is Born! (Luke 1:26-45; 2:1-20)	"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).	Celebrate Jesus' birth.
WEEK 5	Jesus Grows Up (Luke 2:39-52)	"I and the Father are one" (John 10:30).	Jesus is special.
WEEK 6	The Word Became Flesh (John 1:1-18)	"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).	We can be God's children.
WEEK 7	Satan Tempts Jesus (Luke 4:1-13)	"Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted" (Hebrews 2:18).	Jesus helps us resist temptation.
WEEK 8	Jesus Performs His First Miracle (John 2:1-11)	"But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31).	Jesus can do miracles.
WEEK 9	Jesus Teaches in a Synagogue (Luke 4:14-21)	"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost" (Luke 19:10).	Jesus came for all people.
WEEK 10	Jesus Is Rejected in His Hometown (Luke 4:22-30)	"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:5).	Believe in Jesus.
WEEK 11	Moses and Elijah Appear With Jesus (Luke 9:28-36)	"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).	Jesus is God's Son.
WEEK 12	Jesus Teaches About Rewards (Luke 6:17-26)	"Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things" (Colossians 3:2).	Jesus blesses people who have faith.
WEEK 13	Jesus Teaches About Loving Enemies (Luke 6:27-38)	"Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31).	Jesus says to treat others as we want to be treated.



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