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Relational

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Learners understand and retain more when the learning process takes into consideration how they learn best.



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FaithWeaver NOW[®] Bible Curriculum, Pre-K & K/Ages 5 & 6 Student Book: My Bible Playground, Spring

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Instructions: Help children each shape a chenille wire into a large ring. Have kids form pairs, lay their pages on the floor, and take a few steps back. Have pairs take turns tossing their rings onto the pages and saying how the people in the picture are following Jesus. Have kids toss the ring again if it misses the page. Ask children to each tape their ring around one picture of something they'd like to do this week to show they follow Jesus. (*For additional instructions, see the Teacher Guide.*)



This week, your child

learned that we follow Jesus. He or she committed to one of the following Daily Challenges to show



others that he or she is proud to follow Jesus. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on the challenge!



graham cracker crusts. You also will need instant pudding mix, milk, whipped cream, bowls, and spoons. Ask your child to help make "mini-pies" with you. Encourage your child to follow your directions during the process. Have your child mix the pudding, pour it into the mini-crusts, and then top with whipped cream after the pudding sets. Before you enjoy the treats, praise your child for a job well done! Tell your child you're proud that he or she followed your directions so well. Say that we make Jesus happy when we follow him, too. Let's always be proud to follow Jesus and tell others about him.

ASK ⁽²⁾ How do you feel about following Jesus?

- Why is it good to follow Jesus?
- Who can you tell about Jesus?
- For each of you, purchase five or six brightly colored craft beads and an 8-inch ribbon or leather

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IACE. Together, name reasons why you and your child follow Jesus. After naming each reason, slip a bead onto the ribbon. When all the beads are in place, center them, and tie a knot on each side where the beads end. This will keep the beads from slipping around. Then tie the ribbons on each other's wrists as a sign that you're proud to follow Jesus.

ASK ⁽²⁾ What are ways we can follow Jesus?



- **1.** Lead your family in a prayer, asking God to help you follow Jesus.
- 2. Tell a friend that you follow Jesus.
- **3.** When you wake up in the morning, tell Jesus that you're going to follow him that day.

What I Learned Today ...

Bible Time: This week's Bible passage (Mark 8:31-38) tells us that we can follow Jesus. Jesus instructed his disciples about his coming death and resurrection. When Peter objected to him talking like this, Jesus scolded him. He told Peter that Peter wasn't thinking about what God wanted, only about what he wanted. Then Jesus called his disciples and the crowd to a deep commitment of following him. Jesus said that if anyone was ashamed of him, Jesus would be ashamed of that person when he comes again.

Key Verse: "I am not ashamed of the gospel" (Romans 1:16).

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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



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!



This quarter you'll explore these Bible passages:

	BIBLE CONTENT/SCRIPTURE	KEY VERSE	BIBLE POINT
WEEK 1	Jesus Teaches About Commitment (Mark 8:31-38)	"I am not ashamed of the gospel" (simplified from Romans 1:16).	Follow Jesus.
WEEK 2	Jesus Clears Merchants From the Temple (John 2:13-22)		Worship God.
WEEK 3	Jesus Explains Why God Sent Him (John 3:12-21)	"Jesus Christ is Lord" (simplified from Philippians 2:11).	Jesus came to show God's love.
WEEK 4	Jesus Notices a Widow's Giving (Mark 12:41-44)		Give to God.
WEEK 5	People Rejoice as Jesus Enters Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-11)		Jesus is our king.
WEEK 6	Jesus Is Alive! (Mark 16:1-8)	People who believe in Jesus will live forever (adapted from John 11:25).	Jesus is alive.
WEEK 7	Jesus Appears to His Disciples (John 20:19-31)		Believe in Jesus.
WEEK 8	Paul Teaches About Spiritual Gifts (1 Corinthians 12:4-27)	The Holy Spirit will teach you (adapted from John 14:26).	Serve God.
WEEK 9	Peter Tells the Sanhedrin About Jesus (Acts 4:5-14)		God helps us be brave.
WEEK 10	Philip Tells the Ethiopian About Jesus (Acts 8:26-40)		Listen to God.
WEEK 11	Peter Visits Cornelius (Acts 10:1-44)		Tell everyone about Jesus.
WEEK 12	Barnabas Encourages Christians in Antioch (Acts 11:19-26)		Help others love Jesus.
WEEK 13	Jesus Sends Power From God (Acts 2:1-21)		God gives us the Holy Spirit.



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