



FAITHWEAVER

Weaving faith into today's families **NOW**[®]



**WINTER
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

PRE-K&K AGES 5&6
TEACHER GUIDE

FAITHWEAVER

Weaving faith into today's families **NOW**[®]

**WINTER
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

PRE-K&K AGES
5&6
TEACHER GUIDE



YOUR ACTIVATION CODE IS NOW LOCATED INSIDE THE TEACHER PACK!

Group

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.

Group

group.com/sunday-school

We know you care about kids...

We do, too!

That's why we attempt to ensure that all crafts, toys, and gizmos meet or exceed national safety standards—and are produced by manufacturers that don't use child labor or abuse their labor force. You can order Group resources knowing that in addition to caring for *your* kids, you're also caring for children elsewhere.

Let's keep kids safe!

We strive to provide products that are mechanically reliable and hold together during normal, intended usage. Items are also checked for flammability, and both paint and surface coatings are checked for heavy metals—including lead.

You can help your children stay safe by seeing that toys and gizmos are used as designed, for the purposes designed, and that any broken pieces are disposed of promptly and properly. We value your feedback. If you become aware of a problem affecting the safety of any of our products, please inform us immediately.

FaithWeaver NOW® Bible Curriculum, Pre-K & K/Ages 5 & 6, Winter

Copyright © 2000 and 2015 Group Publishing, Inc.

All rights reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced in any manner whatsoever without prior written permission from the publisher, except where noted in the text and in the case of brief quotations embodied in critical articles and reviews. For information, visit group.com/permissions.

! OK TO COPY When you see the OK TO COPY icon, this means permission to photocopy the page from FaithWeaver NOW® Bible Curriculum for Pre-K & K, Winter, is granted for local church use. Copyright © Group Publishing, Inc. group.com

Credits

Authors: Jacqui Baker, Gwyn Borcharding, Sharon Carey, Laurie M. Copley, Ruthie Daniels, Julie Lavender, Pamela Malloy, Bonnie Temple

Editors: Erica L. Feucht, Scott Firestone IV, Jennifer Hooks, Stephanie Martin, Jessica Sausto, Owen Shattuck, Ali Thompson, Christine Yount Jones

Copy Editors: Lyndsay Gerwing, Becky Helzer, Andrea Zimmerman

Chief Creative Officer: Joani Schultz

Cover Design and Art Direction: Jeff Spencer

Interior Design Team: Jared Bigham, Jeff Brunacci, Kate Elvin, Suzi Jensen, Randy Kady, Jeff Spencer, Rebecca Swain

Cover Photographer: Rodney Stewart

All Scripture quotations, unless otherwise indicated, are taken from the Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide. www.zondervan.com

ISBN 978-1-4707-6624-5

Printed in the United States of America.



Contents

Introduction 4

The Lessons

Lesson 1: Prophets Foretell Jesus’ Coming—Jeremiah 33:14-16 5

Lesson 2: Zechariah Prophecies About Jesus—Luke 1:68-79 19

Lesson 3: John Prepares People for Jesus’ Coming—Luke 3:7-18 33

***Lesson 4: The Son of God Is Born!**—Luke 1:26-45; 2:1-20 47

Lesson 5: Jesus Grows Up—Luke 2:39-52 59

Lesson 6: The Word Became Flesh—John 1:1-18 71

Lesson 7: Satan Tempts Jesus—Luke 4:1-13 83

Lesson 8: Jesus Performs His First Miracle—John 2:1-11 97

Lesson 9: Jesus Teaches in a Synagogue—Luke 4:14-21 109

Lesson 10: Jesus Is Rejected in His Hometown—Luke 4:22-30 121

Lesson 11: Moses and Elijah Appear With Jesus—Luke 9:28-36 135

Lesson 12: Jesus Teaches About Rewards—Luke 6:17-26 149

Lesson 13: Jesus Teaches About Loving Enemies—Luke 6:27-38 163

*We recommend rearranging the lessons so that Lesson 4 aligns with the week of Christmas.



The future of Sunday school + family ministry is NOW.



No doubt about it, the world is changing. Families used to go to church every week. Kids used to have longer attention spans. Teachers used to have more time to prepare. And didn't our budgets used to be bigger?

Even the Sunday school Bible curriculum you used just a couple of years ago is already out of date. But there's one thing that's never changed: the need to grow families closer to Jesus.

That's why we created FaithWeaver NOW®, and it's different from anything you've ever seen before!

It combines Sunday school with family ministry. ■■■■

Sure, you've seen Sunday school aimed at families. But FaithWeaver NOW actually hits the target by having everyone in the family learning about the same Scripture each week.

It's simpler and easier. ■■■■

Sometimes change is a wonderful thing. Gone are the days when you needed to spend hours preparing your lessons and hunting for supplies. FaithWeaver NOW will have you and your team ready to go in a snap.

It's made for NOW. ■■■■

Life is complicated and full of distractions. FaithWeaver NOW keeps faith on track through even the most frenzied lifestyles.

What makes FaithWeaver NOW the perfect curriculum for TODAY's church?

- Families learn the same Bible passage in age-appropriate ways.
- Kids don't just hear the Word. They experience it.
- Simple and easy lessons fit even the busiest lives.
- Kids see God in their everyday world.
- The Scope & Sequence goes through the Bible every three years.
- You can customize it however you like, with both print and digital versions.



Create a vibrant family ministry that's new...that's wow...that's NOW. FaithWeaver NOW gives you a fresh strategy for being more successful than ever in bringing families closer to Jesus.

Thom Schultz Joani Schultz

Thom and Joani Schultz
Chairman and Chief Creative Officer
Group Publishing, Inc.





Prophets Foretell Jesus' Coming

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Kids this age can easily become disappointed if a parent, friend, or teacher promises to do something and then fails to follow through on the promise. As kids learn the value of promises made by authority figures, God's promises will carry more weight. Use this lesson to help kids trust God's promises and wait patiently as he follows through.



► **Bible Point**
God keeps his promises.

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started <i>about 10 min.</i>	Welcoming Song Sing or listen to songs to welcome everyone to church.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Key Verse Activity <i>about 10 min.</i>	Jesus Came for Us Say the Key Verse, and do an action rhyme about Jesus coming for them.	Bible	
3 Bible Exploration <i>about 15 min.</i>	Theo's News Find out what a cucumber has to do with the Bible.	Surprise Box (any box will do), Theo puppet, CD player, cucumber, knife, antibacterial gel (optional) Teacher Pack: CD	Place the cucumber in the Surprise Box, and hide the box where it's easily accessible.
	Bible Time: Waiting for God's Promises Learn that sometimes a promise takes a long time to come true.	Bible, scissors, tape or glue, cookies Teacher Pack: "God's Promises" poster and flaps	Cut apart the "God's Promises" flaps and attach them to the corresponding pictures on the "God's Promises" poster.

Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.

Key Verse
"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).

Weaving Faith Into Life
Children will trust that God keeps his promises.



LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weaving Faith Into Life</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>about 20 min.</i> (Choose 2 centers.)</p>	<p>Center 1: Nature's Promise Glue seeds onto the student pages, and draw the plant that is promised.</p>	My Bible Playground, small bowls of birdseed, glue, washable markers	Remove the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Playground student book.
	<p>Center 2: Do You Trust Me? Trust a promise that's hard to believe, and poke holes in plastic bags full of water.</p>	resealable plastic bags, water, sharpened pencils	
	<p>Center 3: God's Promise Brainstorm Make up stories that could show how God is with people they see in pictures.</p>	index cards, scissors, washable markers, yarn, hole punch Teacher Pack: "Picture" cards	Separate the "Picture" cards.
	<p>Center 4: Raisin Mambo Experiment with raisins sinking and floating, and discuss God's promises to them.</p>	raisins, sparkling water, clear cups, napkins, antibacterial gel (optional)	
<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lasting Impressions</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>about 5 min.</i></p>	<p>Daily Challenges Choose a Daily Challenge to apply God's Word.</p>	My Bible Playground, washable markers	
	<p>"Yay, God!" Prayer Cheer for God and his promises in prayer.</p>		
	<p>Weaving Faith at Home Talk about how to share what they learned with their families.</p>	My Bible Playground	Tear out the letter to parents in the back of each My Bible Playground student book to give to parents when they pick up their children.

Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.





Welcoming Song Supplies


CD player

Teacher Pack

CD: "Good Morning and Welcome" (track 2), "All His Promises" (Psalm 145:13b) (track 3)

1 GETTING STARTED

Welcoming Song

 **Tips** Don't know the melodies to the songs in this guide? Download the 99-cent Kids Songs app by Alkeo and play the tunes for 200+ common children's songs.

Consistently use the same signal to announce a transition to the next activity. You could flip the lights off and on, use a train whistle, have a puppet rustling inside a bag, or sing cleanup songs. Keep it simple, consistent, and fun.

What You'll Do

As the children arrive, greet each child and welcome him or her with a smile. When it's time to begin, use your signal to bring the children together in a circle.

Have kids stand in two parallel lines facing each other about 3 feet apart. Have children each practice stepping toward the child across from them in the other line, shaking hands in the middle, and then returning to their original positions in line. Play "Good Morning and Welcome" (track 2 on the CD) to the tune of "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean."

Each time they sing the words "shake hands," lead them to greet their friends with one of the following actions: shake hands, high five, bow down, and group hug, as indicated below.

 **Good morning and welcome to God's house.**

Good morning and welcome, my friend.

Good morning and welcome to God's house.

Now shake hands and greet a new friend. *(have kids shake hands when they meet in the middle)*

Shake hands, shake hands. *(have kids high five when they meet in the middle)*

Shake hands and greet a new friend. *(have kids bow when they meet in the middle)*

Shake hands, shake hands. *(have kids give a group hug when they meet in the middle)*

Shake hands and greet a new friend. *(have kids shake hands when they meet in the middle)*

Say: **Thanks for being here today! It's wonderful to learn about God together.**

Today we'll learn about some men called prophets who lived a long time before

Jesus was born. Those prophets told people that Jesus would be born years later.

Because of what happened with the prophets, we can believe that ► GOD KEEPS

HIS PROMISES. Let's sing a song about God's faithfulness.

Lead children in doing the motions and singing "All His Promises" (Psalm 145:13b) (track 3 on the CD).



The Lord is faithful, *(cross hands over heart)*

The Lord is faithful. *(cross hands over heart)*

To all his promises, *(spread out arms wide)*

To all his promises. *(reach arms up)*

The Lord is loving, *(hug a friend)*

The Lord is loving. *(hug a friend)*

Toward all he has made, *(point to people in the room)*

To all he has made. *(point to people in the room)*

Your kingdom is forever. *(point left)*

You're powerful forever. *(point right)*

You hold the world up every day. *(flex muscles)*

You always do whatever you say. *(nod head "yes")*

(Repeat from the beginning.)

The Lord is faithful, *(cross hands over heart)*

The Lord is faithful. *(cross hands over heart)*

To all his promises, *(spread out arms wide)*

To all his promises. *(reach arms up)*

The Lord is loving, *(hug a friend)*

The Lord is loving. *(hug a friend)*

Toward all he has made, *(point to people in the room)*

To all he has made. *(point to people in the room)*

The Lord is faithful, *(cross hands over heart)*

The Lord is faithful. *(cross hands over heart)*

"All His Promises" (Psalm 145:13b) by Jay Stocker. © 2005 Group Publishing, Inc. All rights reserved.

Say: **It's great to be together to learn about God's promises. Let's learn more about how ► GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES.**



2 KEY VERSE
ACTIVITY

Jesus Came for Us

What You'll Do

Have kids sit in a circle. Open your Bible to Isaiah 9:6, and show children the words. Tell kids that the Bible is God's special book.



Jesus Came for Us
Supplies

Bible





Theo's News Supplies

Surprise Box (any box will do)
 Theo puppet
 CD player
 cucumber
 knife
 antibacterial gel (optional)

Teacher Pack

CD: "Here, Theo" (track 4)

! ALLERGY ALERT

Theo's News Easy Prep

Place the cucumber in the Surprise Box, and hide the box where it's easily accessible.

Say: **Our Key Verse from the Bible, Isaiah 9:6, says, "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). A prophecy is when someone tells others that something will happen before it does. This verse was a prophecy that a man named Isaiah said long before Jesus was born. It was telling people what would happen when Jesus was born. Let's practice our Key Verse together.** Lead kids in repeating the simplified Key Verse with you: **Jesus is born to us (Isaiah 9:6).**

Have children turn to a partner and say this action rhyme together.

Jesus is born to you, (*point to a partner*)
Jesus is born to me. (*point to self*)
God loves us so much, (*hug self*)
He sent us his Son. (*cradle arms like rocking a baby*)
Jesus is born to us! (*hug a partner*)

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- What do you think about God sending Jesus for you?
- What things does your family do to celebrate Jesus' birth?

Say: **The best promise God made was to send us Jesus. That's why we celebrate Jesus' birth. He's proof that ► GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES!**

3 BIBLE EXPLORATION

Theo's News

What You'll Do ■■■■

Have kids clean their hands. Say: **Friends, it's time for Theo's News!** Have the children sit in a circle. Then begin "Here, Theo" (track 4 on the CD). When the CD segment ends, bring out the Surprise Box, and put the Theophilus the FaithRetriever puppet on your hand. Then follow along with the script.

Theo: Hi, everybody!

Teacher: Hello, Theo! Tell us what interesting news you've dug up about the Bible today.

Theo: I hid it in the Surprise Box.

Teacher: Let's look inside to see what Theo found.

(Invite a child to open the Surprise Box. Have Theo act excited, and then cut and distribute one cucumber slice to each child. Give kids time to guess what they'll learn from the Bible today.)





Theo: You know what I like about cucumber slices? I like to hold them up to the light. They look like a stained-glass window. Do you all think so, too?

(Pause for kids to answer Theo's question and look at their cucumber slices.)

Teacher: *(Point to the seeds.)* These are the cucumber seeds. When you plant them in the ground, you can grow more cucumbers.

Theo: Let's plant these seeds right now!

Teacher: Well, it would take a long time to grow cucumbers from these seeds. It would take a few months.

Theo: Oh, but it would still happen after a long time, right?

Teacher: Yes, it's like God's promises. We'll see in our Bible passage today that even if it takes a long time for some of God's promises to happen, we can always trust that

▶ **GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES.**

(Allow kids to eat their cucumber slices.)

Theo: That's really neat. I'd never thought of seeds being like God's promises before. I want to go show my mom. See you guys later!

Teacher: Friends, say goodbye to Theo.

Encourage the children to wave or say goodbye to Theo. Then put Theo away in a safe place for next week's use.

Say: **We saw what's inside a cucumber with Theo, and we found out that not all promises happen right away. Let's find out about how God's people waited for a promise. They waited and believed the promise because ▶ GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES.**

Bible Time: Waiting for God's Promises

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Show kids the cookies, and tell them they'll have to wait to get them. Open your Bible to Jeremiah 33:14-16, and show kids the words. Tell kids that the Bible is God's special book.

Say: **Many years before Jesus was born, God told his people that he'd send Jesus to be with us, keep us safe, and save us from our sins. A man named Jeremiah wrote it down so people wouldn't forget.** Point out the verses in the Bible.

Say: **The people were excited to meet Jesus, and they looked for him every year.**

Have kids form pairs. Say: **Tell your partner about something you want really badly.** Allow time.

Say: **Many people waited all their lives to see Jesus, the promised Savior. The people reminded each other of God's promise so they wouldn't forget. Tell your partner what it's like to wait for something you want.**

Hold the "God's Promises" poster so the children can see the illustrated picture flaps.



Bible Time: Waiting for God's Promises Supplies

- Bible
- scissors
- tape or glue
- cookies

Teacher Pack

- "God's Promises" poster and flaps

! ALLERGY ALERT

Bible Time: Waiting for God's Promises Easy Prep

Cut apart the "God's Promises" flaps and attach them to the corresponding pictures on the "God's Promises" poster.





Say: **Let's see what God's promised on this poster.**

Remind kids about the cookies they're waiting for. Have kids form six groups. A group can be just one person. Tell each group to think of what's hidden under one of the flaps on the page. Then invite each group to come up and tell everyone what they think is hidden and reveal the promise under the flap. It's fine if kids think of a different promise than what's pictured.

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Give kids the cookies. As they eat, lead them in this discussion.

Ask:

- **What was it like to wait for your cookie?**
- **In what ways was that like how God's people waited for Jesus?**
- **In what way was this cookie like God's promises?**

Say: **We don't have to wait very long for some promises, like the cookies I promised you. But there are some promises we wait a long time for. Even though God's people waited a long time for Jesus, God kept his promise. ► GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES to us, too.**

4 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Choose at least two of the learning centers to help reinforce today's Bible lesson. Gather the needed materials, and put the supplies in an out-of-sight area until you're ready for them. Allow the children to choose which center they'd like to explore first. Then circulate among the children as they create and explore. Encourage them to make connections between their activities and the Bible by asking them the questions included with each center's description.

■ CENTER 1:

Nature's Promise

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Say: **God makes all kinds of promises. He promises to be with us. He promises to love us. And he promised to send Jesus. ► GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES.** Show kids the birdseed. **These seeds are like a promise. If we plant them, they can grow into different plants.**

Distribute the Lesson 1 My Bible Playground student pages, and have children write their names on their papers. Set out glue, markers, and bowls of birdseed. Let children choose the seeds they like, glue them below the ground on their papers, and use markers to draw which promised plants might grow from the seeds.

Center 1: Nature's Promise Supplies

My Bible Playground
small bowls of birdseed
glue
washable markers

Center 1: Nature's Promise Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson
1 pages from each
My Bible Playground
student book.



As kids work, say: **Talk to each other about promises God makes that you like.**
In the space above the plants, have kids draw a picture of one of God's promises they're thankful for.

Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- In what ways are God's promises similar to or different from the promises of these seeds?
- What are some other promises you've heard before?
- What makes it easy or hard to believe promises you hear?
- In what ways is it easy or hard for you to believe that God keeps his promises?

Say: **God gives us promises in nature like these seeds. People make promises, too. But people can't always keep their promises. With God, we know he'll do what he promises because ► GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES—always. Let's thank God for keeping his promise to send Jesus.**

CENTER 2:

Do You Trust Me?

What You'll Do

Say: **Let's do an activity to help us understand what God's people might've felt like as they were waiting for this promise about Jesus to come true.** Have kids form pairs. Give each pair a plastic bag and at least two pencils. Help kids fill their bags with water and close the zipper edge completely.

Then ask pairs to choose a person to hold the bag while the other person pushes a pencil through the bag. When kids are in place, say: **In this activity, no one is going to get wet if you follow my instructions. As we go through this, try to remember what I said.**

Partners who are holding the pencil, push it through the plastic bag with the pointy end sticking into the bag first.

When the pencil is sticking out the opposite side of the bag, stop moving it.



Center 2: Do You Trust Me?

Supplies

.....
resealable plastic bags
water
sharpened pencils





As kids push pencils through the plastic bags, remind them that God promised that Jesus would be born to them. Have kids repeat the simplified Key Verse: Jesus is born to us (Isaiah 9:6).

Have kids switch roles and give their partner a chance to do the same thing, pushing a pencil through the bag in a different place. Don't remove the pencils from the bag until the activity is over.

When kids are done, have them carefully empty the bags of water into a sink before removing the pencils.

Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- **What was it like to trust my promise in this activity?**
- **In what ways are God's promises like or unlike my promise in this activity?**
(If the bags leaked, discuss the differences between God's promises and human promises.)
- **What helps you believe God's promises?**

Say: **In this activity, I asked you to trust me. In life, we can trust every promise God makes. Even if we don't understand how one of those promises can be true, we can trust it because ► GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES.**

CENTER 3:

God's Promise Brainstorm

What You'll Do

Say: **God promised to send Jesus, and we know he kept that promise. Sometimes it's hard for us to trust God's promises when we're still waiting for them to happen.** Show the stack of pictures. Say: **Let's see if we can imagine some ways God might be with the people in these pictures.**

Set out supplies. Have kids form groups of three or four. Have groups choose pictures from the "Pictures" cards. Say: **Look at your group's picture, and then each of you will draw a picture on an index card that tells a story of how God might be with people in the picture. For example, if it's a picture of a child with a hurt knee, you might draw a parent with the hurt child because God gives us parents to take care of us.** After kids draw their pictures, allow a couple of minutes for them to share with their groups the ways they think God is with the people in the picture.

Have each group look at a few different pictures. When they've done at least four drawings, have kids punch holes in one side of all the cards. Then help kids put yarn through the holes to make flip books.

Center 3: God's Promise Brainstorm Supplies

.....
index cards
scissors
yarn
hole punch
washable markers

Teacher Pack "Picture" cards

Center 3: God's Promise Brainstorm Easy Prep

.....
Separate the "Picture"
cards.



Encourage kids to go through their flip books and talk about the ways that God keeps his promise to be with them.

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- What was it like to think of ways God is with the people in these pictures?
- Why do you know God's always with you?
- Tell about the most important promise God's made to you. Why is it so important to you?

Say: **God promised to send Jesus to save us all. People waited a really long time for that promise to happen, but it did. God never breaks any promises. God has kept his promises to the people in our pictures today, and ► GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES to you, too.**

■ CENTER 4:

Raisin Mambo

What You'll Do ■■■■

Say: **When God sent Jesus to his people, they'd been waiting to see the promise for a long time. That meant they were very amazed at God's promises. Let's make a snack that has an amazing promise, too.**

Have kids clean their hands. Give kids each a cup and a small handful of raisins. Pour sparkling water in their cups. Say: **These raisins aren't doing much right now in your hand, but when they get into this water, they'll jump up and down.** Have kids pour the raisins in.

The raisins will begin to dance, traveling up and down in the cup. Say: **Raisins don't normally move like this, but they did what I promised they'd do.**

Have kids remove the raisins from the drink. Then give them a few more raisins, and talk about God's promises to them as they enjoy their drink and the raisins.

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- Explain what you expected to happen with the raisins and why you thought that.
- Explain whether you think God's promises always turn out like you expect.
- In what ways can you show trust for God even when his promises aren't what you expect?



Center 4: Raisin Mambo Supplies

raisins
sparkling water
clear cups
napkins
antibacterial gel
(optional)

! **ALLERGY
ALERT**





Daily Challenges Supplies

My Bible Playground
washable markers

Say: The raisins didn't just sit around in the water the way you might have expected. They were moving around. God's promises don't always turn out like we expect, but they're always good and they're always true. No matter what other promises we hear, we know we can trust God's promises because ► **GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES.**

5 LASTING IMPRESSIONS

Daily Challenges

What You'll Do

After the children have cleaned up the centers, sit with kids in a circle on the floor. Review the lesson activities and the Bible Point, and then encourage the children to share what they enjoyed learning from the Bible today.

Also use this time to challenge kids in their faith. Encourage them to choose a Daily Challenge for applying today's lesson to their lives this week. Use this challenge to encourage your children's growing relationships with Jesus.

Talk With Kids

Say: Today we learned that ► **GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES.** I'd like each of you to choose one of these Daily Challenges to practice believing God's promises.

Give kids these three Daily Challenge ideas to choose from:

1. **Make up and sing a song to your brother or sister about God's promises.**
2. **When you wake up, think of one promise to you that God kept. Thank him for it, and remember it as you get ready for your day.**
3. **Make a promise to help your parents around the house. When you do what you promised, thank God for keeping his promises to you.**

Say: **If you want to sing a song, circle choice number 1. If you want to thank God, circle choice number 2. If you want to help your parents, circle choice number 3.** Check that each child circled a choice on his or her My Bible Playground page. Make sure you tell kids the challenge you choose. Your commitment will inspire children and will give them an opportunity to see God at work in your life as well as in theirs!

“Yay, God!” Prayer

What You'll Do

Have kids stand and form a small circle. Then have kids reach into the center of the circle and overlap one another's hands. Lead the children in the following prayer. After





each line of the prayer, have kids throw their hands up and shout “Yay, God!” End the prayer with everyone saying the last line together.

Pray:

Dear God,

Thank you for being with us. *(children respond with “Yay, God!”)*

Thank you for keeping your promises. *(children respond with “Yay, God!”; then invite children to shout promises they know God kept to them or others.)*

Thank you for being our friend. *(children respond with “Yay, God!”)*

In Jesus’ name, amen.

Weaving Faith at Home

Send the letter to parents home with your kids or give it to parents when they pick up their children. This is a great way to show families they’re important to your church and to support their role as spiritual leaders to their children.

Have children take home their My Bible Playground pages whether they worked on them or not. Have the children tell their parents the challenge they committed to in the “Daily Challenges” activity. Encourage parents to help their kids fulfill this commitment throughout the week. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

Talk to your Director about emailing the FREE FamilyConnect to all your church’s families. Available at group.com/digital.



Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

.....
My Bible Playground

Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

.....
Tear out the letter to parents from the back of each My Bible Playground student book to give to parents when they pick up their children.



FaithWeaver NOW is for today's Sunday school teachers. It's developed by real Sunday school teachers, examined by real ministry leaders, and tested and approved by thousands of churches so you get great lessons that work with today's families.

This quarter you'll explore these Bible passages:

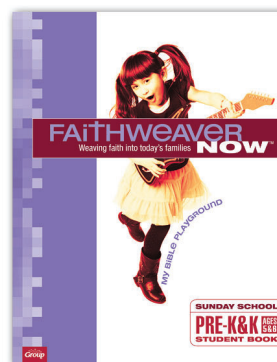
	BIBLE CONTENT/SCRIPTURE	KEY VERSE	BIBLE POINT
WEEK 1	Prophets Foretell Jesus' Coming (Jeremiah 33:14-16)	"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).	God keeps his promises.
WEEK 2	Zechariah Prophesies About Jesus (Luke 1:68-79)		We need Jesus.
WEEK 3	John Prepares People for Jesus' Coming (Luke 3:7-18)		Get ready for Jesus.
WEEK 4	The Son of God Is Born! (Luke 1:26-45; 2:1-20)		Jesus was born.
WEEK 5	Jesus Grows Up (Luke 2:39-52)	"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).	Jesus is special.
WEEK 6	The Word Became Flesh (John 1:1-18)		We can be God's children.
WEEK 7	Satan Tempts Jesus (Luke 4:1-13)		Jesus helps us do what's right.
WEEK 8	Jesus Performs His First Miracle (John 2:1-11)	"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost" (Luke 19:10).	Jesus can do miracles.
WEEK 9	Jesus Teaches in a Synagogue (Luke 4:14-21)		Jesus helps us.
WEEK 10	Jesus Is Rejected in His Hometown (Luke 4:22-30)		Believe in Jesus.
WEEK 11	Moses and Elijah Appear With Jesus (Luke 9:28-36)	"Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31).	Jesus is God's Son.
WEEK 12	Jesus Teaches About Rewards (Luke 6:17-26)		Put God first.
WEEK 13	Jesus Teaches About Loving Enemies (Luke 6:27-38)		Jesus says love each other.

PLUS...

Access all these **FREE FaithWeaver NOW digital resources** at group.com/digital:

- **FREE digital copies of Teacher Guides** in PDF format so you can easily download any lesson for your ministry. Sharing lessons with busy volunteers couldn't be easier! *See inside kit for activation code.*
- **A FREE downloadable Director Manual** to help you structure your program for maximum effectiveness.
- **FREE weekly FamilyConnect pages** you can print out or email to parents to help families grow together in faith throughout the week.

Don't forget...



***Get a colorful, age-appropriate student book for every child! Each week, you'll get...**

- Engaging activities that bring the Bible to life for every child
- Easy faith conversation-starters for kids to take home
- Meaningful at-home activities for families to dig into Scripture

***You'll need one per child. Sold separately.**



THIS IS A SAMPLE
The number of pages is limited.

Purchase the item for the complete version.

