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Relational

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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Even the Sunday school Bible curriculum you used just a couple of years ago is already out of date.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.

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Welcome to the

FaithWeaver NOW Senior High Handbook!



The fact that you're reading this shows how much you care about your faith. You take your relationship with Jesus seriously. You want to live like him. But it can be hard sometimes, especially as a teenager, and with **FaithWeaver NOW** we're going to help you grow in your faith.

You'll learn together with—and from—other students who wrestle with the same issues you do. Together, you'll work through those issues and give each other brand-new insights into how to weave faith into your life. You'll have fun learning together. You'll discover things you never knew about yourself, about each other, and about God. You'll laugh together. You'll probably cry together, too. But most importantly, you'll discover how to weave faith into your life and walk with God for a lifetime.

Here's what you'll find in your FaithWeaver NOW Senior High Handbook—including how to use each piece to get the most out of each week:

■ ■ BIBLE BACKGROUND

This is a more in-depth look at the week's Bible passage. Use it to gain a deeper understanding of God's Word.

■ ■ THE JESUS CONNECTION

This brief devotion will help you think through how this week's study applies to your life and how to pray about this week's point.

■ ■ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These are the questions you'll go through as a group and the specific passages you'll look at. Use this page to follow along during the study.



DAILY CHALLENGE

Here you'll have some options for how to apply each study to your life. Mark the one you choose as a reminder to live out your faith.



QUOTABLES

A get-you-thinking quote about faith, life, and whatever you're learning about that week.



FAITH JOURNAL

Use this section to reflect honestly about the study each week when you go home. There's even space for you to write about your insights.

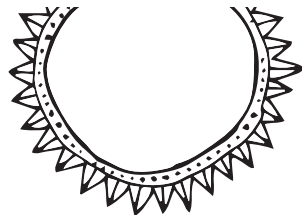


TALK WITH YOUR FAMILY

You've learned a lot today, and so has your family. Why not cement the learning by exploring today's point together? You can do that by using the activity and discussion in this section.

So again, welcome to the world of **FaithWeaver NOW!**
May God bless your journey together—as students and as faithweavers!





Jesus Teaches His Disciples to Pray

Matthew 6:5-13



► 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).



How Not to Pray

This passage begins with Jesus instructing his followers how *not* to pray. The religious leaders of that time were accustomed to praying loudly on the street corners so that the people would see them as holy and religious. Instead, Jesus says, prayer is to be between the individual and God—sincere communication that is a direct result of one’s relationship with God.

Two Basic Parts

Jesus gives this prayer as a pattern or a form—an outline for prayer. One way to understand it better is to break his prayer into two basic parts: adoration and petition.

The first verse of the Lord’s Prayer expresses praise for God’s majesty and acknowledges God’s love for us. The single word we translate as “our father” is an intimate word that can be translated as “daddy” or “dearest father.” Jesus lets his followers know that they can share in his close relationship with God.

The first petition in the prayer is not related to personal needs. Rather, it addresses seeking what God wants.

After we seek God’s will, we turn to asking God to fulfill personal, daily needs for food, forgiveness, and freedom from temptation. Without God working in our lives and our world, there would be no food or forgiveness. And if Satan were not restricted from tempting us, our lives would be nearly unbearable.





DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

FAITH
CONNECTION

- What challenges did you encounter in understanding your partner's prayer?
- Do you think it matters to God what words we use when we pray? Why or why not?
- How does the way you normally talk to God differ from the way you talk to your friends?

MEDIA

CONNECTION (OPTION)

- How well does this clip line up with the way you think God handles incoming prayers?
- When have you felt like God was too busy with other "more important" things to answer your prayers?
- In this clip, Bruce says everyone would be happy once he decided to answer all of their prayers. Do you think it's true that we'd be happy if God answered all of our prayers with a yes? Why or why not?
- When has God said no to one of your prayers, but you eventually saw that it was the right, best answer? What did you learn from that experience?

2

BIBLE
EXPLORATION

How Not to Pray

Read: Matthew 6:5-8

- What's most surprising to you about Jesus' instructions in these verses? Why?
- If Jesus isn't saying that it's always wrong to pray in public or to offer long prayers (and he's not), then what does he want us to understand about prayer?





- Look at verse 5. How is it possible to be someone who prays while also being a hypocrite? What is Jesus telling us in this verse?
- Jesus said in verse 8 that our Father knows what we need before we even ask. So why even bother to pray at all? What's the point of prayer?

What to Say

Read: Matthew 6:9-13

- Share some of the highlights of your discussion.
- In what ways did Jesus' prayer or the other verses you read cause you to think differently about prayer?
- What's one change you want to make to the way you pray based on what you've explored today?

3

WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

- What elements of Jesus' prayer come most naturally to you? Explain.
- Which categories of Jesus' prayer come least naturally to you? Why do you think that is?
- What are some ways you could pray differently about how you use your money? your time? your skills and abilities?



Quotables

*"When our will
wholeheartedly
enters into
the prayer
of Christ,
then we pray
correctly."
—Dietrich
Bonhoeffer*

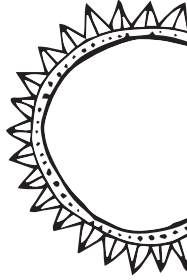
Daily Challenges

Choose one or more of these Daily Challenges to do this week.

- 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 the main themes of Matthew 6:9-13 and use this passage as the model for your prayers.
- Thank God for your daily bread this week, and then share some with someone else! Is there a family in your neighborhood who 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!

Faith Journal

How will you remember to keep the right priorities in your times of prayer this week?



Talk With Your Family

Read James 5:13-16 with your family, and discuss the following questions:

- Who do you know right now who is sick or in trouble? How can you pray for that person?
- When have you seen God answer prayer in an unexpected way?
- How can you worship God in prayer when you are hurting?
- If God doesn't answer a prayer the way you want, how can you get on board with his will?

As a family, spend some time in prayer using Jesus' model in Matthew 6:9-13. First, praise God. Then tell God you want his will to be done in your lives. Thank God for daily provisions. Ask God for forgiveness for any sins you may have committed, and ask God to help you flee from temptation and to keep the evil one at bay.





What to Say

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"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."

Matthew 6:9; Revelation 4:8-11

Talk about God's holiness and what you think of the vision in Revelation.

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"Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Matthew 6:10; Romans 12:1-2

Talk about how you can know and follow God's will.

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"Give us today our daily bread."

Matthew 6:11; Matthew 6:25

Talk about what these verses mean about how God will provide for your needs.

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"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

Matthew 6:12; Acts 10:43

Talk about why God is willing to forgive you.

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"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

Matthew 6:13; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Ephesians 6:16

Talk about who the evil one is and how you can resist temptation.

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The FaithWeaver NOW Senior High Handbook weaves transformative experiences into every lesson and includes activities that make the Bible unforgettable.

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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