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FAITHWEAVER Weaving faith into today's families **NOW**®

SAMPLE PAK

AGE LEVEL:
Parent

- ✓ OVERVIEW OF FAITHWEAVER NOW
- ✓ HOW FAITHWEAVER NOW WORKS
- ✓ SAMPLE LESSON
- ✓ HOW TO GET STARTED

Experience the power of FaithWeaver NOW...

FAITHWEAVER NOW™

The FaithWeaver NOW Sampler on the following pages includes:

- **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**—Find out how this unique program will fit your ministry
- **SAMPLE LESSONS**—Impact all ages from infants through adults
- **PRICING**—Sure to fit your budget

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SEE WHY
FAITHWEAVER NOW
WILL WORK FOR YOU!

- ✓ **10 AGE LEVELS:** Infants—Adults
- ✓ **FORMAT:** Incorporates classroom setting
- ✓ **LENGTH:** 60–65 minutes
- ✓ **FREE EDITABLE, DIGITAL VERSION**

WEAVING FAITH into TODAY'S FAMILIES

Remember when kids didn't have so many distractions (sports, phones, video games)? And when families made church a priority and came every Sunday? You need a Sunday school that is **"NOW"** and not **"THEN."**

- **NOW** kids will love coming to Sunday school. Watch them grow in their relationship with Jesus!
- **NOW** busy families will grow together in faith. They'll explore the same Bible passage in age-appropriate ways.
- **NOW** you'll have a strategic plan to reach today's families.
- **NOW** teachers will thank you for choosing Group's new Sunday school. The perfect balance between low prep for their busy lives and foundational Bible lessons...WOW!



FaithWeaver NOW also works well with KidsOwn Worship and FaithWeaver Friends. All of these programs follow the same three-year scope and sequence and explore the same weekly Bible passages.



It's church—just for kids.



The program that keeps kids growing—all week long!



How FaithWeaver NOW WORKS in the CLASSROOM:

#1

GETTING STARTED

Each week as students arrive, they're engaged in age-appropriate activities that help them experience the lesson point in fresh, fun, and meaningful ways.



#2

BIBLE EXPLORATION

Whether they are studying the Old or New Testament, every lesson in FaithWeaver NOW uses interactive learning to take students past head knowledge of the Bible to heart- and life-change.

#3

WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Learners of all ages discover the adventure of applying God's truth to everyday life by doing fun, surprising activities.



FAMILY TIME

FaithWeaver NOW take-home resources spark faith conversation with families—all week long!

EASY PREP
5-10 minutes of prep a week—sometimes less!



Lesson 1 5

David Becomes King

2 Samuel 5:1-5; Psalm 37

LESSON	WHAT PARENTS DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	What We Rely On <i>(about 15 min.)</i> Discuss communication methods.	whiteboard or poster board, marker	
2 Bible Exploration	What Relying on God Looks Like <i>(about 15 min.)</i> Read and discuss 2 Samuel 5:1-5.	Bibles	
3 Weaving Faith Into Families	Relying on God <i>(about 25 min.)</i> Lead blindfolded partners through a course, and practice five principles to help their kids rely on God.	1 blindfold for every 2 people	
4 Lasting Impressions	Daily Challenge <i>(about 5 min.)</i> Discuss how to apply God's Word.		
	Weaving Faith at Home <i>(about 2 min.)</i> Talk about how to share what they learned with their families.		



► **Bible Point**
We can rely on God.

Key Verse
"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).

Weaving Faith Into Families
Parents will help their children rely on God every day.

ONE-POINT LEARNING!
Using repetition, parents really learn the one God-focused Bible Point each week!

REAL-LIFE APPLICATION
in every lesson!

THIS CHART
makes organizing the lesson and supplies easy!

Leader Guides include access to **EDITABLE MS WORD Files**
at GroupSamples.com/Digital



Parent Lesson 1 Fall Quarter

David Becomes King

2 Samuel 5:1-5; Psalm 37



BIBLE BACKGROUND FOR LEADERS

BIBLE BACKGROUNDS

give teachers a deeper understanding of the Scripture for their own spiritual growth!

JESUS CONNECTION

and life application of the lesson—to help teachers reflect and pray!

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The Jesus Connection

Through Jesus, God showed us how to take every step of life relying on him. Because of Jesus' courage, we can believe that trusting God will always be worth it!

What past experience has God used to teach you how to rely on him?

God has a wonderful way of not letting teachable moments in our lives go to waste. What is God using to teach you right now?

Ask God for wisdom to see and strength to move forward with faith, knowing that he'll always have everything you need. You can write your prayer here.





EASY-TO-READ LAYOUT
makes leading lessons simple!

1 GETTING STARTED

What We Rely On

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Designate four different areas of your room—one for parents of babies and preschoolers, one for parents of elementary-school kids, one for parents of preteens, and one for parents of teenagers. If you have a smaller group, combine areas as needed.

Encourage parents to sit in the area that best fits their kids' ages (there may be overlap, so they can choose the age group they prefer). If you don't have enough parents to separate into four areas, simply stay together.

Form groups of no more than four within each area, and have parents discuss Question 1 in their FaithWeaver Parent Handbooks.

QUESTION 1

What do you most rely on for communication—e-mail, texting, cellphone, landline, snail mail, or something else? Why do you rely on it?

Allow two minutes for discussion, and then regain everyone's attention, keeping them in their groups. Take a poll of everyone's answers, just for fun.

Say: **Think about your kids. What is it that they rely on? I'll give you four examples of when your kids need to rely on someone or something:**

1. **When they're afraid...**
2. **When they're experiencing peer pressure...**
3. **When they're confused...**
4. **When they're making a tough choice...**

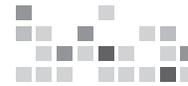
Write these four things on the whiteboard or poster board so parents can refer to them as they discuss.

Say: **Choose one of your children and one of the areas in which he or she needs to rely on someone. For example, I would choose my child, [name of your child], in the area of [name of an area]. Then find a partner in your group and discuss Question 2 in your handbooks.**

QUESTION 2

Tell about how one of your children needs to rely on God right now.

Allow up to 10 minutes for discussion. Then bring everyone back together. Ask willing parents to share some of the examples they talked about.



What We Rely On Supplies

whiteboard or poster board
marker

SUPPLIES
the supply list is included with each activity for easy reference.



Say: **All of us face difficulties—including our kids. Our culture emphasizes that we should be strong and face challenges head-on, but often our difficulties feel like more than we can bear. Who will our kids rely on when things get tough?**

Today, we and our kids are learning that ► **WE CAN RELY ON GOD.** God alone can meet our needs and soothe our deepest fears. Let's explore how to help our kids know they can rely on God at all times.

2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

What Relying on God Looks Like

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Supplies

Bibles

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Provide Bibles for those who need them. Have one person in each of the original groups read aloud 2 Samuel 5:1-5, and then have groups discuss Questions 3 and 4 in their handbooks.

■ **QUESTION 3**
What do these verses reveal about David's relationship with God?

■ **QUESTION 4**
What do these verses reveal about David's responsibilities to God?

After 10 minutes, have each group read aloud Psalm 37:1-7. Then have groups discuss Question 5 in their handbooks.

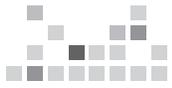
■ **QUESTION 5**
Talk about which verse of this Scripture best relates to your family right now.

After five minutes, regain everyone's attention. Ask for parents to share highlights and insights from their discussion time.

Say: **Helping our children rely on God starts with us learning to rely on God first. As we model for our kids that we're trusting God, whether everything seems to be falling apart or whether everything's going just fine, ► WE CAN RELY ON GOD to show our kids what relying on God really looks like. Let's look at how we can model that even further.**

LEARN BY DOING
Creative experiences take parents deeper into the Bible.





3 WEAVING FAITH INTO FAMILIES



Tip Some people may not be comfortable or feel safe wearing blindfolds. Give an option to simply close eyes while being led.

Relying on God

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Form pairs, and give each pair a blindfold. Tell parents they're going to experience a trust walk, in which one partner leads the blindfolded partner. Then partners will trade places.

Once the partners have blindfolds on, silently point out a "course" people need to guide their partners through with only their voices. When everyone has finished, have the other partners put on the blindfolds. Silently point out a different course people need to guide their partners through with only their voices. When everyone has finished, have partners discuss Questions 6 through 8 in their handbooks.

QUESTION 6
What was it like to rely on your partner?

QUESTION 7
How is that like or unlike relying on God?

QUESTION 8
Why is it sometimes hard for our children to rely on God as their refuge and strength?

Say: **Think about the area you discussed earlier, where your child needs to remember ► WE CAN RELY ON GOD.**

- Refer to the items you wrote on the board earlier:
1. When they're afraid...
 2. When they're experiencing peer pressure...
 3. When they're confused...
 4. When they're making a tough choice...

Say: **We're going to do a little role-playing now, and there are five things I want you to use in your role-play. It's as simple as E-I-E-I-O! Look at this week's "Insight for Parents" section in your handbook. You can practice these ideas here and then do them at home with your kids.**



Relying on God Supplies

1 blindfold for every 2 people

LIFE APPLICATION

Engaging activities help parents apply Bible truths to everyday life.





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First, **Empathize** with your child. It always helps to let your child know you understand his or her feelings. Rather than saying, “I know how you feel,” try saying, “Sounds like you’re a little confused. Is that right?” or “That must be scary. Is it?”

The second thing to do is **Invite** conversation. Say, “You want to talk about it?” or “What’s happening?” Encourage your child to open up. Understand that for some kids, you may need to wait for a time that they’re open. It may not be when you’re ready. But it will happen. Maybe in the car. Maybe right before bed. Ask God to help you be in tune to the moment when your child wants to talk.

Next, **Encourage** your child to know that what he or she is facing is normal. Don’t minimize it by saying, “Oh, that’s no big deal.” Rather, say something like, “I remember when I felt the same way,” or “Yeah, that’s pretty normal at your age.”

The next thing you want to do is **Instill** hope. Don’t preach, but share how you’ve relied on God in a similar situation and how God was faithful to you. Talk through with your child how he or she might rely on God in the situation.

Last, **Offer** your support. Ask, “Is there any way I can help?” Offer an idea: “Would it help if...?” And finally, offer your prayer support. Pray right then with your child, or promise to pray regularly with him or her.

So let’s try that. Find a new partner and, using the challenge you chose, practice the **E-I-E-I-O** steps. Take turns role-playing one of your children while your partner plays the role of the parent. Refer to your handbook if you need to remember a step.

Allow 10 minutes for pairs to practice, and then regain their attention, keeping pairs together.

4 LASTING IMPRESSIONS

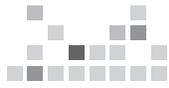
Daily Challenge

What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Say: This week, help your kids remember that ► **WE CAN RELY ON GOD** by committing to practicing E-I-E-I-O with them. Your Daily Challenge is to start practicing with the child you’ve spent time role-playing today, but be available to try it with your other kids, too. Take a couple of minutes to talk to a partner about what that might look like in daily life. Be as specific as you can be. Allow time.

DAILY CHALLENGES
Daily Challenge options give parents a faith that weaves into their lives.





Weaving Faith at Home

Say: **Your kids should be receiving a letter to you from their Sunday school class today with information about what they'll be doing this quarter. They'll also have a take-home paper from this week's lesson to show you. It has their Daily Challenges for this week and ideas for weaving faith at home as a family. Please help your kids follow through with their Daily Challenges. Finally, please use your FaithWeaver Parent Handbook as a resource to grow your own faith in God and for ideas to help your kids grow in theirs.**

Talk to your Director about e-mailing the FREE FamilyConnect to all your church's families. Available at group.com/digital.

Encourage pairs to close in prayer, praying for the needs they've heard parents express for their children this week.



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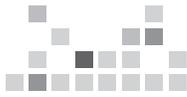
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**WEAVING FAITH
INTO FAMILIES**

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Write your prayers here.

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FAITHWEAVER
NOW

Lesson 1



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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QUESTION 7

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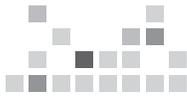
QUESTION 8

Why is it sometimes hard for our children to rely on God as their refuge and strength?

Fall Quarter

Lesson 1

Parent Handbook



Insight for Parents ■■■■■■

Use the **E-I-E-I-O** tips to encourage your children to rely on God this week.

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Faith Talk Starter ■■■■■■

Talk with your children about a time you faced a situation you couldn't handle on your own. Maybe you had a fight with someone and needed someone else to step in and talk to that person in order to restore the relationship. Or perhaps you couldn't pay a bill and you asked a family member for money. Tell your children what you learned about relying on someone else and how the situation worked out in the end. Ask your children to share what they think it would look like to rely on God in that situation. Then encourage each family member to share a difficult situation he or she is facing. Talk about ways to spend less time worrying and more time relying on God in these situations.

Prayer Starter ■■■■

Pray that your children will have the faith and courage to rely on God this week and beyond, no matter what situation they face.

Write specific prayers for your kids.



Notes Write your prayers, ideas, and other thoughts here.



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