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# FAITHVEAVER Weaving faith into today's families Rows

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- **✓** OVERVIEW OF FAITHWEAVER NOW
- ✓ HOW FAITHWEAVER NOW WORKS
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Experience the power of FaithWeaver NOW...





# 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!





# How FaithWeaver NOW WORKS in the CLASSROOM:



#### **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.





#### **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.



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#### **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!







# **David Becomes King**

2 Samuel 5:1-5; Psalm 37

ost adults today face stressful difficulties—financial uncertainties, family challenges, issues with children, job changes, strained relationships, and so on. And they must make a key choice: Will they attempt to face their difficulties on their own, or will they turn to God and rest in God's promises? In our culture, there is great emphasis on individualism—solving problems ourselves, rising to the challenge. But God wants us to rely on him. God's character doesn't change. God's promises hold true always. As adults learn that 

WE CAN RELY ON GOD, they'll be better equipped to handle life's stresses and will grow in their faith.

LESSON	WHAT ADULTS DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP	
<b>1</b> Getting Started	A Look at Life's Pressures (about 10 min.) Discuss the difficulties that people often face.	"Life's Pressures" handout (at the end of this lesson), scissors	Copy the "Life's Pressures" handout, and cut apart the cards. You'll need 1 card per 3 people.	
Bible Exploration	What Does Relying on God Look Like? (about 15 min.) Read and discuss 2 Samuel 5:1-5 and Psalm 37.	Bibles, paper, pens or pencils		



ONE-POINT LEARNING!

Using repetition, adults really learn the one God-focused Bible Point each week!

► Bible Point We can rely on God.

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

Weaving Faith Into Life Adults will rely on God every day. REAL-LIFE APPLICATION in every lesson!



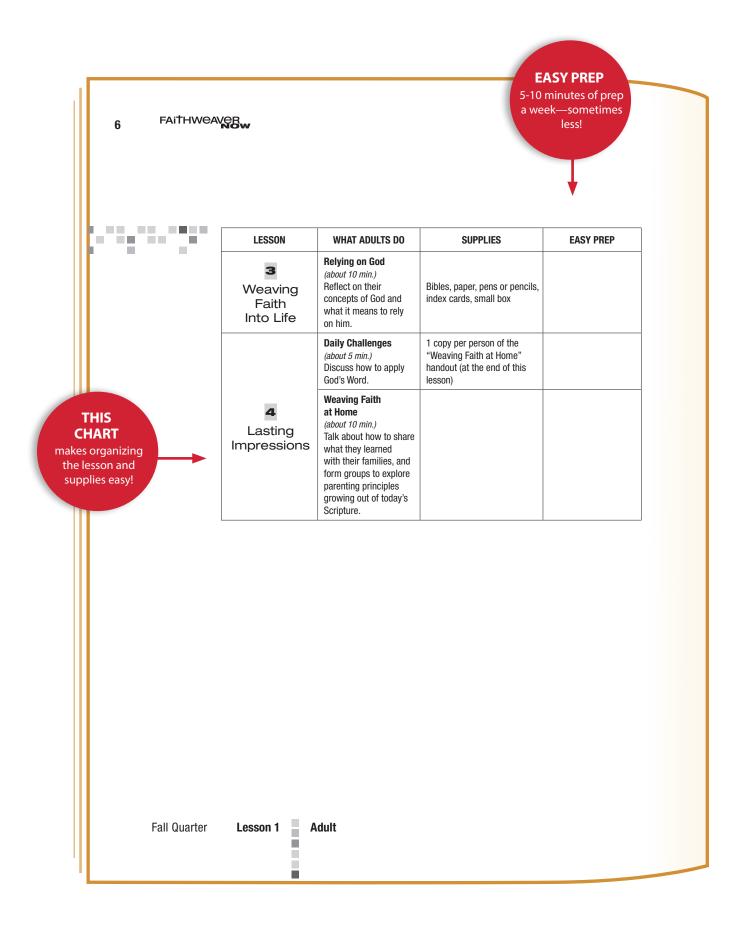
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**BACKGROUNDS** 

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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BIBLE BACKGROUND FOR LEADERS

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#### EASY-TO-READ LAYOUT

makes leading lessons simple!

#### SUPPLIES

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



#### A Look at Life's Pressures Supplies

"Life's Pressures" handout (at the end of this lesson) scissors

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#### What Does Relying on God Look Like? Supplies

Bibles paper pens or pencils

# DOING

Creative experiences take adults deeper into the Bible.

**LEARN BY** 

# 1 GETTING

#### A Look at Life's Pressures

#### What You'll Do

Form groups of three. Hand one of the "Life's Pressures" cards to each group. Have each group discuss its question for two minutes. Then regain the entire group's attention. Ask a few willing adults to share highlights of their discussions with the whole group.

Say: It's hard to imagine exactly how our lives will go, but today we'll look at some important keys in making sure they're headed in the right direction.

#### Talk With Adults

Ask:

- What did you discover about difficulties other people face—and how they handle them?
- When pressures arise in your own life, how do you rely on other people?

Say: All of us face challenging difficulties, and our culture emphasizes that we should be strong and face them head-on. Yet we often feel that our difficulties seem to be more than we can bear. Our session today will help us recognize how 

WE CAN RELY ON GOD. God alone can meet our greatest needs and calm our deepest fears.

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#### **BIBLE**

#### **EXPLORATION**

# What Does Relying on God Look Like?

#### What You'll Do

Form three groups. Assign each group the number 1, 2, or 3. Provide Bibles for those who need them. Distribute paper and a pen or pencil to each group. Have one person in each group read aloud 2 Samuel 5:1-5, and then have each group discuss the following questions.

#### Talk With Adults ■■■■

Ask:

- What do these verses reveal about David's relationship with God?
- What do the verses reveal about David's responsibilities to God?
- David was cast into a big role. Tell about a role you have that seems too big to handle on your own.

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Following the small-group discussions, have each group turn to Psalm 37, a psalm attributed to David. Ask people in Group 1 to read Psalm 37:1-13; Group 2, to read Psalm 37:14-26; and Group 3, to read Psalm 37:27-40. After reading the verses, have each group list ways that David expressed his reliance on God based on the verses they read. Have one person in each group record his or her group's ideas on paper.

Give the groups time to read, discuss the verses, and record their ideas; then invite the group to come back together.

#### Talk With Adults ■■■■

Ask:

- What specific things did David say about God in your verses?
- Based on these verses, how well do you think David handled the difficulties he faced?
- As you read these verses, which particular ones stood out to you?
- What verse best relates to your life right now?

Say: These ancient verses from Psalm 37 aren't just for David and the people of his time. They're timeless reminders of God's promise to be with us in times of trouble and discouragement. Let's look at practical ways that ▶ WE CAN RELY ON GOD.



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# Relying on God

#### What You'll Do

Be sure everyone has a Bible.

Say: In the New Testament, Paul wrote about God's strength and protection. Let me read a few verses he wrote.

Read aloud Philippians 4:13; 1 Timothy 1:12; and Ephesians 3:14-19.

#### Ask:

- What do these verses reveal about God's reliability in your life?
- What roles do faith and trust in God play in times when God doesn't provide what we pray for?

Read aloud Psalm 46:1, and then discuss the following questions.

#### Ask:

- Why is it sometimes hard for us to rely on God as our refuge and strength?
- How does our concept of who God is influence our ability to rely on God?

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#### **LIFE APPLICATION**

Engaging activities help adults apply Bible truths to everyday life.

#### Relying on God Supplies

Bibles paper pens or pencils index cards small box



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Say: Let's work on truly understanding that God is completely reliable.

Hand out paper and pens or pencils. Have each person draw a picture or write words that represent God as completely reliable; for example, perhaps someone will draw a picture of a sturdy bridge over a deep canyon. Then have each person draw a picture or write words that represent what he or she needs to do to rely on God; for example, perhaps the person who drew the bridge will draw a picture of a person walking across the bridge.

Give the group a couple of minutes to draw or write. Then have people find partners, share what they drew or wrote, and talk about what they need to do to rely on God. Give the pairs about a minute to share.

Say: Now let's talk about relying on God in the circumstances we're facing in our lives right now or in the circumstances those around us are facing.

Give each person an index card, and place a small box or basket on a table or chair.

Say: Move away from one another, and then think about a time you struggled to rely on God. Be sure to choose a situation that you don't mind sharing with the group. Write down the situation on the index card, but don't add your name or reveal how the situation was resolved. When you're done writing, place the card in this box.

When group members have finished, ask them to get into groups of four. Have one person from each group take four index cards from the box.

Say: Look at one card at a time. As you brainstorm about how you'd respond to the situation, discuss specific examples of how > WE CAN RELY ON GOD. Allow time for discussion.



**LASTING** 

**Daily Challenges** 

**IMPRESSIONS** 

#### **Daily Challenges** Supplies

1 copy per person of the "Weaving Faith at end of this lesson)

#### **DAILY CHALLENGES**

Daily Challenge options give adults a faith that weaves into their lives.

Home" handout (at the

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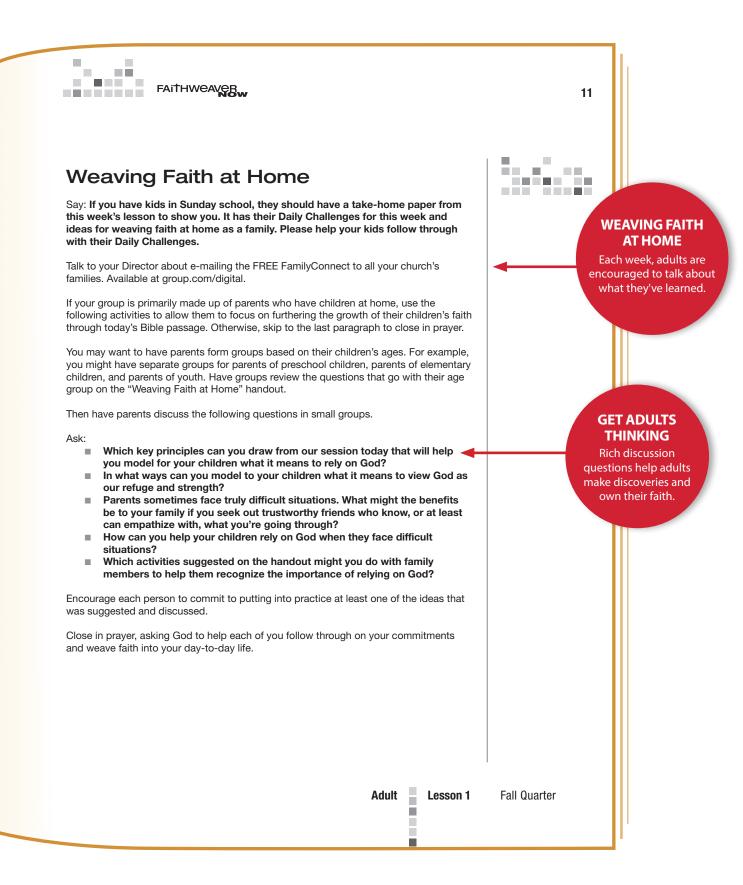
Say: In this session, we've looked at how ▶ WE CAN RELY ON GOD. Let's look at how we can apply that truth in our daily lives.

Distribute the "Weaving Faith at Home" handouts. Have everyone read the Daily Challenges and choose at least one to do this week. Have participants each turn to a partner and say what challenge they'll do this coming week and the specific way they plan to follow through with it.

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Life's Pre	essures 
What is your hardest challenge right now? Why?	Which difficulty do you think most people face?
What have you learned from difficulties you've faced?	How do you respond when you face great stress? Why?
What's the greatest difficulty you've faced so far?	Why does God allow us to face difficulties?



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2 Samuel 5:1-5; Psalm 37

▶ Bible Point—We can rely on God.

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LEARNING CONTINUES ALL WEEK LONG

with take-home papers filled with family activities.

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**AT HOME** 

# **Daily Challenges**

Choose one or more of these activities to do this week.

- Look up other Scripture passages that highlight God's ability and willingness to provide protection, strength, and hope. Think about how you can apply these passages in your daily life.
- Think of ways you can invite God further into your everyday life—your work, your home, your relationships. Then start making it happen.
- Share with a friend or family member how relying upon God has changed your life. Let God help you with what to say, then trust God with whatever happens.

# **Family Discussion Starters**

Use the following questions and activities to further the application of this week's lesson in the lives of your family members.

#### Preschoolers

- Tell about someone who loves you, takes care of you, and is always there when you need help.
- What does God do to help you every day?

#### **Elementary Children**

- Do you believe that God wants to give you strength? Why or why not?
- Describe a time you relied on God for help. Or describe a time you didn't.

#### Youth

- Describe your view on whether God can really give people strength and protection.
- In which areas of your life do you need to rely on God more for strength and help?

Have family members brainstorm about situations in which people need the strength and protection God provides. Get out some old newspapers or magazines, and let family members tear out articles that talk about people who could use that strength and protection. Consider making a collage of those articles and titling it "God Can Help Me When..." Then have each person write about a difficult situation that he or she is facing. Talk about ways to spend less time worrying and more time relying on God.

# **Adult Talk Topics**

- Tell about a time you learned a lesson about relying on God.
- Talk about why it's important for us to rely on God and not just on ourselves or our friends.
- Discuss the kinds of difficulties in which God can provide help.
- Talk about how your family can trust God more when difficulties arise.

# Through the Week

Use the following passages to explore additional biblical perspectives on relying on God.

#### Monday

Psalm 37:5-6

#### Tuesday

Psalm 37:18

#### Wednesday

Psalm 37:23-24

#### Thursday Psalm 37:30-31

Friday

#### Psalm 37:39

#### Saturday

Psalm 37:4



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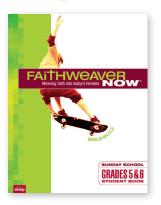


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