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**AGE LEVEL:** 

Preschool (Ages 3 & 4)

- **✓** OVERVIEW OF FAITHWEAVER NOW
- ✓ HOW FAITHWEAVER NOW WORKS
- ✓ SAMPLE LESSON:
  - Lesson
  - Student Book
- ✓ HOW TO GET STARTED

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.



## #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!







## **David Becomes King**

2 Samuel 5:1-5; Psalm 37

S ince many preschoolers see adults as totally self-sufficient, it can be hard for young children to see that adults need help at times, too. Help children see that even as a king, David needed God's help. Just as God helped David, God helps us—no matter how old we are. Throughout this lesson, remind children that God helps us with everything we need.

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
Getting Started about 5 min.	Welcome and Celebrate Welcome each other, and praise God through music.	signal, CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
Key Verse Activity about 10 min.	Little Helpers Act out hurts and ways to help, and then sing about our great God.	Bible, CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
3	Puppy Pointers Find out why Theo has a calculator.	CD player, Theo puppet, calculator, rubber band <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	Attach a calculator to Theo's paw with a rubber band.
Bible Exploration about 15 min.	Bible Time: Who Will Be Our King? Follow the "king's" instructions.	Bible, tape Teacher Pack: paper crown	



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

**LEARNING!** 

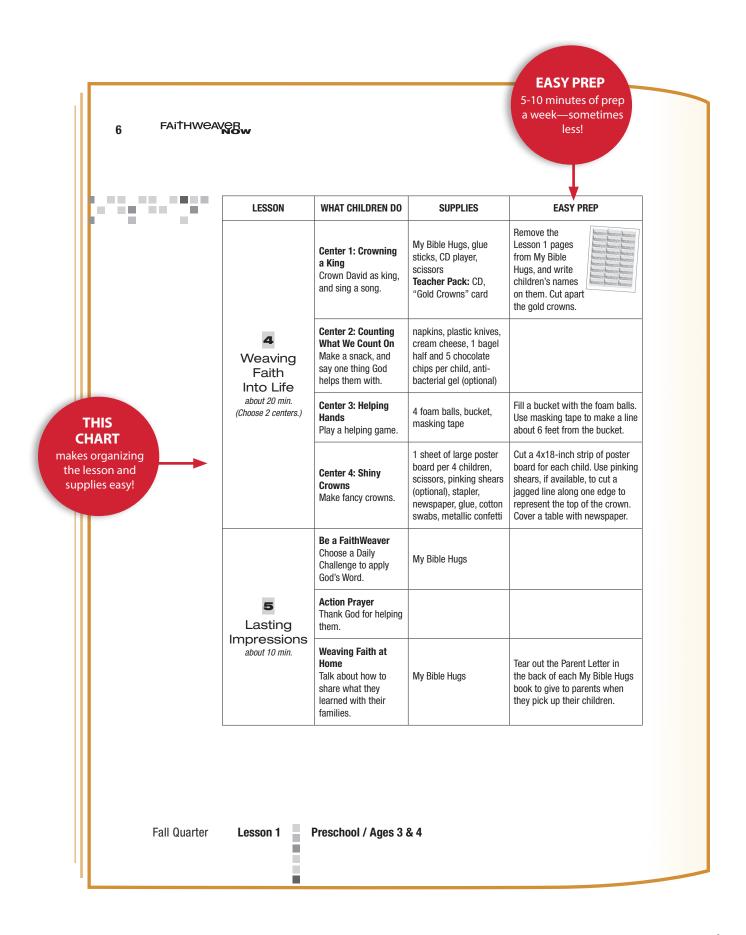
►Bible Point God helps us.

Key Verse God is our help (adapted from Psalm 46:1).

Weaving Faith Into Life Children will turn to God for help during good times and bad times.

> REAL-LIFE APPLICATION in every lesson!









## **David Becomes King**

2 Samuel 5:1-5: Psalm 37

he relied on God, God rewarded him and Israel with prosperity.

David wrote Psalm 37, which describes his trust in God even when he was surrounded by enemies. In this psalm, David says to "delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:4). This could have been the theme of David's life.

#### 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.

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## BIBLE BACKGROUND FOR LEADERS

## **David Mourns King Saul**

We begin this quarter of Old Testament studies with the anointing of David as king of Israel. Many years earlier, Israel's first king, Saul, had turned from the Lord, and God had selected David to succeed Saul. For years after that, Saul sought to have David killed. However, David had refused to act against Saul or to become king until he was certain of God's timing. He had lived a difficult life, almost as an outlaw. Now Saul was dead; after being wounded in battle, he had taken his own life. In fact, Saul and three of his sons, including David's friend Jonathan, had died in the same battle (1 Samuel 31:1-6). So the door was wide open for David to become king of Israel.

David didn't rejoice when he learned of the deaths. Instead he and all his men mourned and wept the entire day (2 Samuel 1:1-12). David even wrote a song in honor of Saul and Jonathan, which can be found in 2 Samuel 1:19-27. He was truly saddened that their lives had ended as they did.

#### **Uniting the Kingdom**

David was made king of Judah. Israel followed Abner, the commander of Saul's army, who made Ish-Bosheth, a son of Saul, king over Israel (2 Samuel 2:1-9). After years of much fighting, intrigue, and bloodshed, Ish-Bosheth was murdered, and the leaders of Israel came to David to make him king over them.

#### **David Leads Israel**

David was 37 when he became king over all Israel. He had first been anointed to succeed Saul many years earlier, while still in his teens. After his long, patient wait, David was able to lead Israel to great prosperity, fend off the Philistines, and expand the boundaries of Israel during his reign. David wasn't perfect, but as

#### **JESUS** CONNECTION

**BIBLE** 

**BACKGROUNDS** give teachers a deeper

understanding of the Scripture for their own

spiritual growth!

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

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EASY-TO-READ LAYOUT

makes leading lessons simple!

#### **SUPPLIES**

the supply list is included with each activity for easy reference. Welcome and Celebrate Supplies

signal CD player **Teacher Pack** CD: "Come and Join Us" (track 2), "Praise Him, Trust Him" (track 3)



GETTING

#### Welcome and Celebrate

Tip 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 one with a smile. When it's time to begin, use your signal to gather the children together in a circle on the floor.

Lead children in singing "Come and Join Us" to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" (track 2 on the CD).

Come and join us, everyone!
Sing and learn what God has done.
Come and join us, everyone!
Come and join us, we'll have fun.
Come and join us, everyone!
Sing and learn what God has done.
(Repeat 2x.)

Say: Now that we're all together, let's sing and praise God. We praise God because God is good and ▶ GOD HELPS US.

Lead children in singing "Praise Him, Trust Him" to the tune of "Praise Him" (track 3 on the CD). Encourage the kids to follow the motions in parentheses.

Praise him, trust him. (raise right arm and then left arm)
Let's all sing together! (cup hands to mouth)
We can count on our God! (raise both hands)
Praise him, trust him. (raise right arm and then left arm)
We can count on our God now! (raise both hands)
(Repeat 2x.)

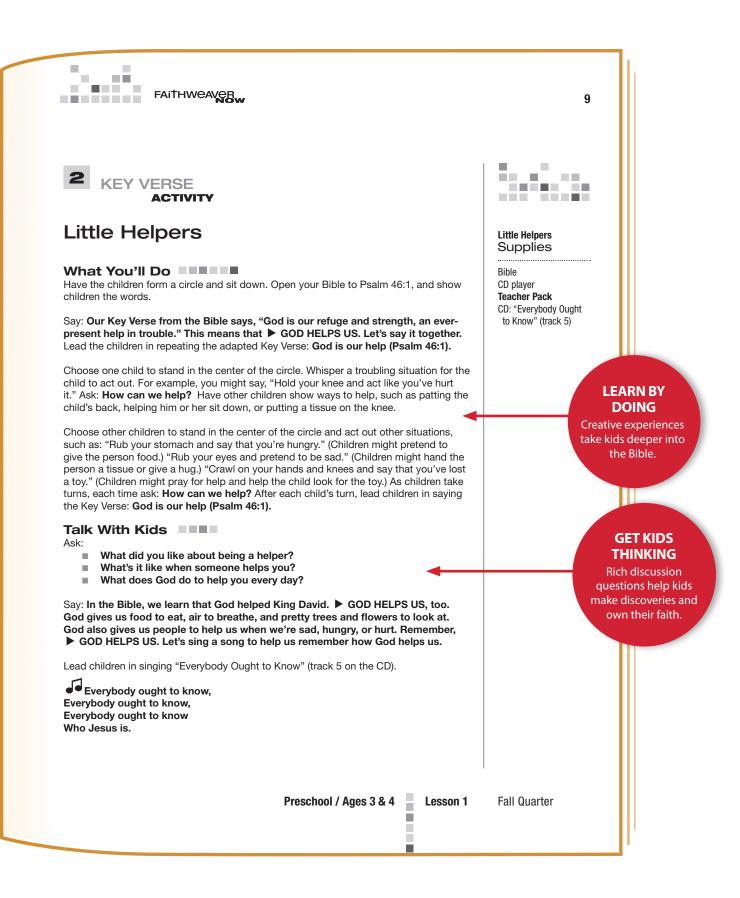
Say: It's good to praise God for all the wonderful things he does. I'm so glad that 
• GOD HELPS US every day.

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He's my Savior, and he loves me, Caring for me every day. He will never, never leave me. He will guide me all the way. (Yell) Everybody ought to know! (Yell) Everybody ought to know!

Everybody ought to know, Everybody ought to know, Everybody ought to know Who Jesus is.

He's my Guide, and he will lead me Over any path I go. He will always go before me. He's the one you ought to know.

Everybody ought to know, (echo) Everybody ought to know, (echo) Everybody ought to know Who Jesus is.

(Yell) Everybody ought to know!



#### BIBLE

#### EXPLORATION

#### Puppy Pointers Supplies

CD player Theo puppet calculator rubber band **Teacher Pack** CD: "Here, Theo" (track 4)

#### Puppy Pointers Easy Prep

Attach a calculator to Theo's paw with a rubber band.

## Puppy Pointers

#### What You'll Do

Say: Listen, everyone, Theo's coming! He has something to show us. Let's find out what it is. Play "Here, Theo" (track 4 on the CD), and bring out Theophilus the FaithRetriever with a calculator attached to his paw. Then follow along with the script.

Theo: Hi, everybody!

**Teacher:** Hello, Theo! It's nice of you to come to church with us today. Do you have something to show us?

Theo: I brought my calculator.

Teacher: Why did you bring your calculator, Theo?

**Theo:** Because I learned that we can count on God. This calculator helps me count really high.

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**Teacher:** Theo, counting on God doesn't mean counting really high. It means that God helps us.

Theo: How can God help me?

**Teacher:** God gives you the sun, your parents, and your food. Friends, can you tell Theo some other things God can help him with?

(Pause for children to help Theo.)

Theo: So I can count on God to help me with all those things?

**Teacher:** That's right, Theo! You can count on God for all those things and for lots more. You can count on God to take care of you. In the Bible, we're going to learn about a king who counted on God to help him lead the people.

Theo: I'm going to go put my calculator away and thank God for helping me.

Teacher: That's a good idea! Friends, let's 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.

#### Bible Time: Who Will Be Our King?

Tip Give literal preschool thinkers concrete examples. For example, after children help make snacks or clean up centers, say, "Thanks! I knew I could count on your help." Point out ways God helps us, such as "God helps us with sunshine or rain" and "I'm glad God helps us have good friends."

#### What You'll Do

Open your Bible to 2 Samuel 5:1-5, and show the children the words.

Say: The Bible tells us that ▶ GOD HELPS US. God's people needed a new king to lead them because Saul was a bad king. So the people wanted God to help David be the new king. Let's see what it was like when David became the king.

Choose a child to stand in the middle of the circle. Measure the paper crown to fit the child's head, and tape it in place. Set the crown on the child's head, and have the rest of the children join hands and circle around the "King."

Say: God told David that David would be king of the people. God said, "You will be the shepherd of my people Israel. You will be Israel's leader." God helped David be the king. Let's see if our King can lead us!

Have the King lead the children in doing a simple exercise. If the child needs help, suggest simple motions that the King can lead, such as waving hands overhead, standing up and sitting down several times, or singing "Jesus Loves Me." Then choose another King by placing the crown on another child's head. Allow the new King to lead the others. Allow each child the opportunity to be King.

Bible Time: Who Will Be Our King? Supplies

Bible tape

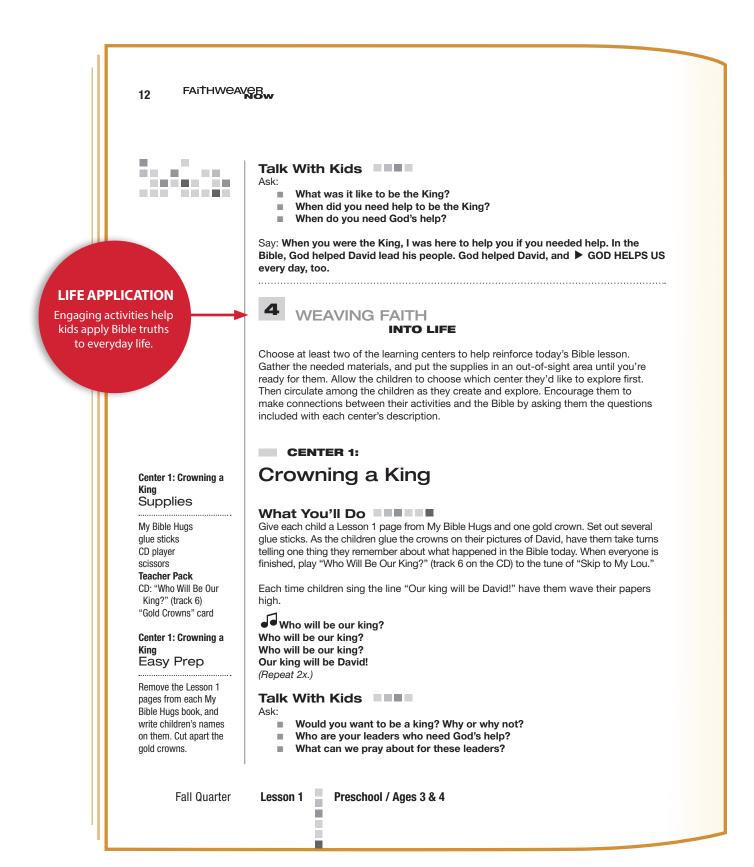
Teacher Pack paper crown

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Say: King David counted on God to help him lead God's special people. And ▶ GOD HELPS US, too.

#### CENTER 2:

#### **Counting What We Count On**

#### What You'll Do

Have the children wash their hands (or clean their hands with antibacterial gel), and then have them sit down to prepare their snack. Help each child spread cream cheese on a bagel half. Then give each child five chocolate chips.

#### Talk With Kids

As children place each chocolate chip on the bagel, have them say one thing that God helps them with. Ask a child to pray for the snack; then have children eat and enjoy.

Say: King David counted on God to help him lead God's special people. And ▶ GOD HELPS US, too.

#### CENTER 3:

#### **Helping Hands**

**Tip** If you have more than 10 kids, make two lines, each with a bucket and balls.

#### What You'll Do

Form pairs, and have one partner hold the foam balls and stand on the masking tape line. The other partner will stand behind the bucket. Explain that one partner will try to toss the balls into the bucket. If any balls bounce out or don't make it in, the other partner will help by putting them in. When all the balls are in the bucket, let partners trade roles.

#### Talk With Kids ■■■■

Ask:

- What was it like when you helped your friend?
- What can you do to help your friends this week?

Say: We helped others in this game, and we can help others this week, too. You can tell a joke to a sad friend, give a handshake to a lonely visitor, or clear the dishes after eating breakfast. It feels good when you help others, and it feels good when others help you. It always feels good to remember that FOD HELPS US.



#### Center 2: Counting What We Count On Supplies

napkins plastic knives cream cheese 1 bagel half and 5 chocolate chips per child antibacterial gel (optional)



#### Center 3: Helping Hands Supplies

4 foam balls bucket masking tape

#### Center 3: Helping Hands Easy Prep

Fill a bucket with the foam balls. Use masking tape to make a line about 6 feet from the bucket.

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#### Center 4: Shiny Crowns Supplies

1 sheet of large poster board per 4 children scissors pinking shears (optional) stapler newspaper glue cotton swabs metallic confetti

#### Center 4: Shiny Crowns Easy Prep

Cut a 4x18-inch strip of poster board for each child. Use pinking shears, if available, to cut a jagged line along one edge to represent the top of the crown. Cover a table with newspaper.

#### Be a FaithWeaver Supplies

My Bible Hugs

## DAILY CHALLENGES

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

#### CENTER 4:

#### **Shiny Crowns**

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Give each child one of the strips of poster board and a cotton swab. Put a little glue on the strip. Direct the children to smear the glue using the cotton swabs. Then encourage them to sprinkle the metallic confetti on their crowns. Measure the strips of paper around the children's heads, stapling to fit.

#### Talk With Kids

As children make their crowns, ask:

- Tell about a time God has helped you.
- What can you do this week to count on God to help you?

Say: God's people counted on David to be a good king. God helped David lead the people. God will hear us when we pray, and ▶ GOD HELPS US.



#### LASTING

#### **IMPRESSIONS**

#### Be a FaithWeaver

#### What You'll Do

After the children have cleaned up their centers, bring everyone back to a circle area on the floor. Review the lesson activities and the Bible Point, and then encourage the children to share what they remember about what they learned 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 for encouraging your children's growing relationships with Jesus.

#### Talk With Kids ■■■■

Say: Today we learned that ► GOD HELPS US. I would like each of you this week to thank God for something he has helped you with.

Read the three ideas for children to choose from:

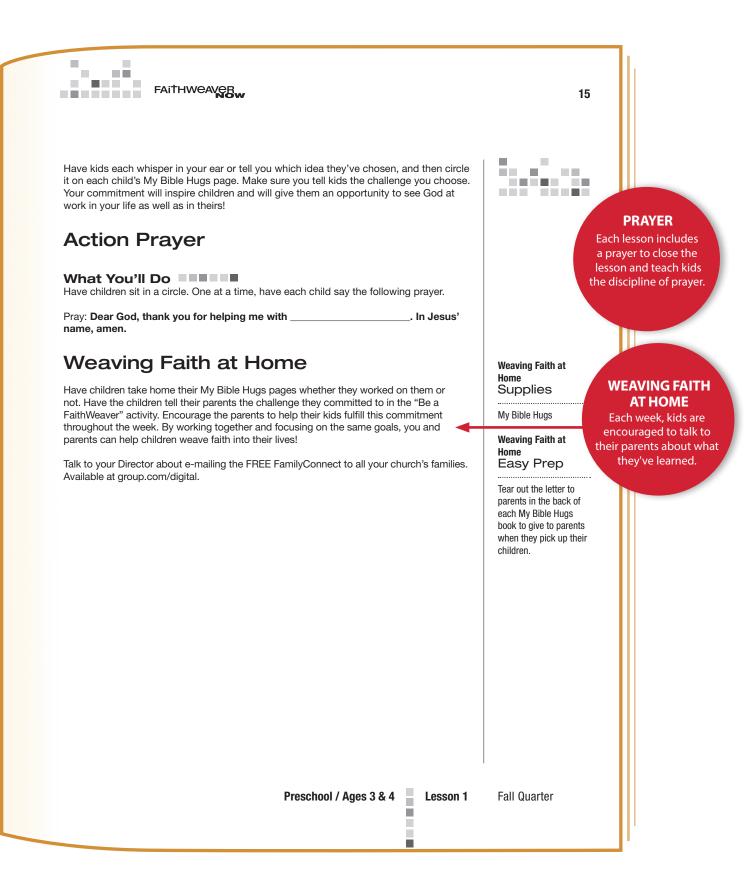
- Thank God for providing a meal or snack.
- Thank God for your family, and give them each a big hug.
- Draw a picture of your favorite things, and then thank God for giving you those things.

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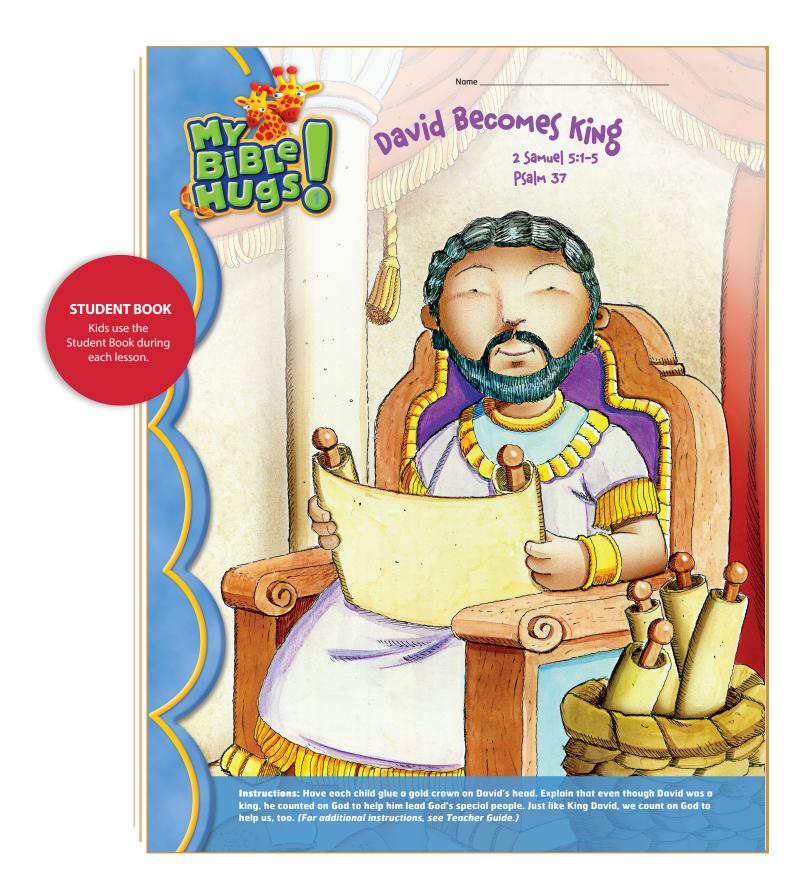
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## WHAT I LEARNED TODAY... child be a FaithWeaver

Are you helping your

#### **Bible Time**

This week's Scripture (2 Samuel 5:1-5; Psalm 37) tells us that God helps us, just as he helped David. God's special people, the Israelites, came to David and asked him to be their king. The Lord had told David, "You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler." David was a mighty, powerful, and blessed king because David counted on God to help him.

Key Verse: God is our help (adapted from Psalm 46:1).



#### Go for a walk in a park with your child.

Collect reminders of how God helps you. For example, find a flower as

a reminder that you can count on God to make plants grow. Or find a wet leaf as a reminder that you can count on God for rain. Bring the items home and arrange them on a table to remind your child of God's help.

#### **ASK**

- · Why does God help us?
- How can you thank God for his help?



Have your child help you make a bedtime snack each night this week and have a "God helped me" review of the day. For each

snack item, have your child name a way God helped him or her that day. For example, for two scoops of ice cream, say two ways God has helped. Or for five apple slices, say five ways God has helped.

#### **ASK**

• How did God help you today?



#### This week, your child learned that God helps

us. Your child committed to one of the following challenges

to thank God for helping us. God helps us. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on the challenge!

- Thank God for providing a meal or snack.
- Thank God for your family, and give them each a big hug.
- Draw a picture of your favorite things, and then thank God for giving you those things.



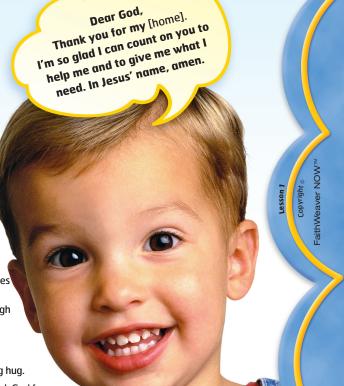
Have an "eyes-open" prayer with your child.

Tour your house and thank God for all he's given you.

Take turns saying the following prayer and thanking God for blessings such as furniture, clocks, piano, pets, flowers, food, stove, refrigerator, and chairs.

**LEARNING CONTINUES ALL WEEK LONG** 

with take-home papers filled with family activities.





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#### **▲** WARNING:

**CHOKING HAZARD**—this contains a small part, small ball or marble. Not for children under 3 years.

