



Faithful

MAIN IDEA

- **God always does what He says He will do.**

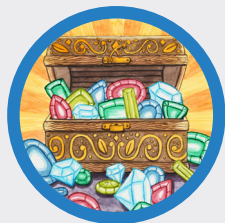
MEMORY VERSE

*He who calls you
is faithful; he will
surely do it.*

—1 Thessalonians 5:24

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Joshua 23:14
- 2) Matthew 1:21



LESSON SUMMARY

In this lesson, we reviewed the amazing testimony of God's faithfulness to all His promises: sending a flood and saving Noah and his family, giving Abraham and Sarah a son in their old age, delivering Israel from slavery in Egypt, the defeat at Jericho so Israel might enter the land... every promise fulfilled. But one promise, given before all these, had remained unfulfilled—the promise of a Savior for God's sinful, and often faithless, people.

Amazingly, God had made this wonderful promise in the midst of Adam and Eve's failure—a promise to send a perfect Deliverer to crush the power of Satan, sin, and death. And throughout the Old Testament we see the extraordinary faithfulness of God as He keeps promise after promise, pointing forward and culminating in the long-awaited arrival of the Deliverer—Jesus, the Holy Son of God. God always keeps His promises!

PRAYER POINTS

As you review this lesson with your child, pray...

- *that your child sees God's perfect faithfulness revealed, he or she may experience God as a bedrock of certainty. He is trustworthy in all His words and deeds.*
- *that your child will grow to have an unshakeable confidence in God in every situation.*



AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- Review the meaning of "God is faithful." **Can you think of a time when trusting in one of God's promises helped you in a difficult situation? Is there a certain promise that you are having a hard time believing that God can keep? Are there examples of God's faithfulness in the Bible that could help give you more confidence? Is God able to keep a promise even when it seems impossible to us? (For example: God keeping His promise to give Abraham and Sarah a baby even though they were too old.)**
- **Does God only make "nice" promises, the kinds of promises people like to hear? When God promised to send a flood to destroy the world, including all the wicked people, did God keep that promise too? Can you think of any other promises that people might not want God to keep? (Example: Psalm 1:6 and Mark 16:16.)**

Will God stop being faithful just because people do not like a certain promise? Because God is always faithful, how should we act toward Him? Should we pay attention to His warning promises?

- Read and discuss the promise that God made to Joseph from Matthew 1:21. How did God

keep His promise to save His people through Jesus? What did Jesus do to save His people? Why was Jesus the best promise of all? How could we show God we really believe that Jesus is the best promise of all? How could we show this to other people, too?

ACTION STEP

This week, look up the following verses in your Bible: Deuteronomy 7:9; Psalm 34:15; Isaiah 41:13; John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; Hebrews 13:5; and 1 John 1:9. What does God promise to do in each verse? Make a list. Are there other Bible promises you can add to the list?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Look up the verse in your Bible and fill in the blanks. Then, color the picture as you memorize the verse.



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