



Bible Thematic Lessons

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Making Jesus Christ known, one story at a time.



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We suggest that you print pages 2 - 5 and distribute them to your students.



Topic:

FAITHFULNESS



Read the Bible References: The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goal of Lesson:

- To encourage students to follow the life and example of Jesus faithfully.



Lesson Takeaway:

Jesus lived out a perfect example of what it means to be faithful to God. We can follow His example.



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Bible References:

Matthew 25:14 – 30;

Galatians 5:22.



Explain the meaning of faithfulness.

Faithfulness comes from the word, “faithful”. To be faithful means to be loyal and committed to something or someone. For example, when you are faithful to attending your music classes, you do not miss a class – you try to always attend even though you might be tired or don’t even feel like attending. When you are preparing for an athletics competition, you are faithful to practicing for the competition. You watch what you eat, have enough sleep and rest, exercise regularly, and do everything your coach asks you to do. You are faithful to your practice because you want to win a prize.

In this study, we will focus on following Jesus faithfully. When we follow Jesus faithfully, it means we are committed and loyal to do what He has asked us to do in the bible. We learn from Him, through reading the bible, and we obey His instructions for us.



What does faithfulness look like in the bible?

We can understand faithfulness in the bible by studying the lives of people who followed God faithfully. So, let’s briefly look at the lives of some people who remained loyal, steadfast and faithful to God and did not compromise or back down from their commitment.



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What does faithfulness look like in the bible? (Contd.)

- Daniel (Daniel 1:8).

Daniel was carried away from Jerusalem to Babylon as a slave. Once in Babylon, he was among the few chosen to serve Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon. He had access to delicious food, rich wine, and amazing experiences. However, Daniel chose to remain loyal and faithful to the God of Israel by keeping himself away from what God had instructed them not to eat. But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. Daniel 1:8.

- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Daniel 3:8 – 18).

King Nebuchadnezzar made a decree that everyone in his kingdom should bow down and worship a golden statue he had made. The God of Israel had instructed the Israelites never to bow down to an idol or image. If they did that, they would be dishonouring God and breaking one of the commandments He had given them. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego chose to obey God rather than the king. They were faithful to the commandments God gave them.

- The apostles of Jesus (Acts 5: 22 – 32).

In the New Testament, after Jesus rose up from the grave, He gave his closest disciples or apostles an instruction to go and tell everyone about Him. Later, the apostles were told by the chief priests and high priest not to teach in the name of Jesus. The apostles replied, "We ought to obey God rather than men". They were faithful and committed to the instruction Jesus gave to them and were not afraid of what people would say or do to them.

- Paul (Romans 1: 14 – 17).

Paul met Jesus on his way to Damascus, when he was going to arrest the followers of Jesus. After this encounter with Jesus, he became faithful in telling everyone he met about Jesus.



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What does faithfulness look like in the bible? (contd.)

Jesus is our perfect example of what it means to be faithful to God. He came to earth and laid down His life for us so that we can be close to God and free from sin (John 3:16). He loved everyone, healed the sick, fed the poor and needy, and taught us about who God is.



How can we live a life of faithfulness to God today?

As a follower of Jesus, God expects you to be committed to following and obeying His instructions. But to be committed to following God can sometimes be hard. Don't worry – God knows and understands. Through His grace, you receive the power to be faithful.

Here are some of the things you can do to live a life of faithfulness to God today:

1. Watch your close friends and be careful not to follow bad examples. My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent (Proverbs 1:10).
2. Spend time to pray every day (1 Thessalonians 5:17).
3. Spend time to read the bible everyday (Psalm 119:11).
4. Renew your mind and think about God's word (Romans 12:2; Joshua 1:8).
5. Tell others about your faith in Jesus (Mark 16:15).
6. Trust in Jesus to help you to follow Him faithfully (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Just like in the parable of the talents, God will reward His followers who remain faithful to Him.

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work” (Revelation 22:12).



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Memorize:

Matthew 24:13 – But he who endures to the end shall be saved.



Questions:

- i. Mention five people in the bible that were faithful. What did they do?
- ii. Mention three things that you can do to remain faithful to God today.



Remember: Jesus lived out a perfect example of what it means to be faithful to God. We can follow His example.



Let us pray: Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, into the world to show us how to live here on earth. Please help me to follow the example of Jesus, to be faithful to You until You come to take us home to be with You forever. I ask these in Jesus' name, amen!



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