

The People Promised to be Faithful Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Nehemiah 9-10

Christ Connection: God has always done what is right even when His people have done what is wrong. We have God's kindness and love through Jesus, who died on the cross so we can have life with God forever.

Bottom Line: I am faithful to God because He is always faithful to me.

Leader Context: <https://parkwaychurch.tv/blog/2023/06/05/ask-leaders-june-11>

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

Discussion Questions

- **When was a time God was faithful to you?**
- **Did God leave His people when they sinned?** No matter what we do or think, God always loves us and is faithful to us. He didn't leave His people in the Bible and He won't leave us either.
- **Do we need to be faithful for God to love us and save us from our sin? Why not?** Romans 5:8 Obedience does not save us from our sin. Faith in Jesus only, saves us.
- **Why is it important to remember the faithfulness of God?** Remembering God's faithfulness should us be more faithful to Him

Pick a Stick and Would You Rather

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets

What You Do:

- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's pray and listen to our story today."

Small Group Prayer: "Dear God, thank You for your faithfulness, even when we sin against You. Thank You for being compassionate and gracious to us. Help us trust Your Son, Jesus. Amen."

Social



Bible Story Video



“God’s people were living in Judah. Nehemiah led the people in Jerusalem to turn away from their sin. Let’s learn what they did with our story basket. They wore sackcloth, rough cloth used to make sacks. They spent time worshiping God, reading His Word, and telling Him about the wrong things they had done. (*Show God’s people picture*)

The leaders stood and led God’s people in prayer. They prayed, “You Lord, are the only God. You created the heavens and the earth and all that is in it, the sea and all that is in them. You give life to all of them, and all the stars of heaven worship You.” Let’s put our hands together, close our eyes and spend a minute praying the same prayer. *Say this in your head, “You Lord, are the only God. You created the heavens and the earth and all that is in it, the sea and all that is in them. You give life to all of them, and all the stars of heaven worship You.” Keep your eyes closed until I say, open them.*

They remembered everything God had done in the past and how He protected, rescued, and provided for them. But the people had turned from God. They worshiped idols and did not trust Him. Yet God was forgiving, kind, and loving. He did not leave them. *Now you can open your eyes.* Has there been a time that you did not trust God? *Let’s chat more about that very soon.* God made His people happy, but the people turned from Him. God sent prophets to warn them, but they did not listen. God let their enemies take over, but He did not leave them because God is kind and loving.

The leaders prayed to God for help. They prayed, “We promise to follow and worship only You.” The people agreed to obey God. Say that with me, “God, we promise to follow and worship only You.” Great job! Then the leaders and some of the people stayed in Jerusalem, and everyone else went to live in the other cities nearby.

This story helps us remember, God has always done what is right even when His people have done what is wrong. (*Show Jesus poster*) We have God’s kindness and love through Jesus, who died on the cross so we can have life with God forever.”

God's Faithfulness

What You Need: Faithfulness Printable, pencils

What You Do:

- Using the printable help kids fill in the blanks for where we learned about God's faithfulness.
- Read each event aloud and discuss God's faithfulness.
- Talk about ways you have seen God's faithfulness as a small group.

Say: “God is always faithful, His Word proves it over and over again. There are times where we are not faithful. We can get help from our small group, a trusted adult and the Bible to help us know how to live more faithfully for God, after we believe in Jesus as our Savior.

- *Did you learn something new about the Bible today? Tell us about it.*
- *Why is it important to remember the faithfulness of God?*



Transition

Stones of Remembrance

Transition Activities are provided so that you can separate the group and have small groups doing each activity at the same time. Allow your helper to lead one activity while you do the other activity.

What You Need: Stones of Remembrance printable , pencils, markers, crayons

What You Do:

- Challenge kids to think about their life and the way they have seen God's faithfulness.
- Encourage them to think about who God is or about specific times God has protected them or helped them obey Him.
- Direct kids to write a word or phrase or draw a picture to remember this moment of God's faithfulness.
- Help kids spell or write words they want on their stone.
- Allow kids time to decorate the other stones on their paper as a reminder of all that God has done for them.

Say: "In our story, we saw how God's people remembered His faithfulness and how that caused them to repent of sin and turn toward Him. Keep your stones as a way to remember God's faithfulness."

- *Do we need to be faithful for God to love us and save us from our sin? Why not? Romans 5:8.*
- *When you get home what other stones could you add to your pile? How are you going to focus on remembering God's faithfulness?*

Going Home

Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about
- their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kid and call them by name.