



## Small Group Leader Study Notes

### BOTTOM LINE:

Faithfulness - Being a person others can count on.

### MEMORY VERSE:

“A faithful person will be richly blessed.” Proverbs 28:20 (NIV)

### BIBLE STORY

#### *Faithful Samuel*

Hannah was a woman who had no children. When she visited the Temple, she prayed she would have a baby. The Lord blessed her and she did. Once she had her baby boy, Samuel, she dedicated him to the Lord and took him to the Temple for Eli to train. He lived at the Temple and was faithful to learn and grow, and the Lord blessed him as prophet.

### READ THE BIBLE

I Samuel 1:20-22; 2:18-20; 3:1; 3:19-21

Your Notes

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## FRUIT

# Lesson 5: Faithfulness

One of the fruits of the Spirit is Faithfulness.

- Are you a faithful person?
- What is a faithful person?

### **A faithful person is someone others can count on.**

Do you know someone who is always late? Everybody is late sometimes, but some people live a lifestyle of being late. **A faithful person is on time.** Faithful people have a habit of arriving early. He or she shows up for school and practice on time. A good rule of thumb is to plan some margin in your day. In other words, plan to arrive 10 minutes early.

Do you finish your tasks? When Mom gives you a chore to do, do you finish it or does she have to nag you to get it done? Do you make your own bed? Do you keep your room clean? A faithful person pulls his own wagon. He does not let Mom do for him what he can do for himself. A faithful person completes her tasks. A faithful person finishes her homework without complaining.

**A faithful person keeps their word.** If they say they will do something, they do it. You can count on them to do what they say.

A faithful person does not have to be the center of attention. They are willing to be a servant. They enjoy helping other people. They are willing to give of their time.

### **Last but not least, a faithful person is faithful to God.**

- They are faithful to read their Bible.
- They are faithful to serve in church.
- They are faithful to pray.
- They are faithful to give.
- They are faithful to obey.

You can be faithful or unfaithful, but you can't be both. The choice is up to you.

### **In summary, a faithful person is:**

1. Someone others can count on.
2. On time.
3. Completes their tasks.
4. Keeps their words.
5. A willing servant.

## BIBLE STORY

# Faithful Samuel

## READ THE BIBLE

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## THE STORY

- Hannah was a lady who had no children.
- She cried and asked the Lord for a baby, and He blessed her with a boy she named Samuel.
- As soon as Samuel was old enough, he was taken to the Temple for Eli to train.
- As a small boy, he learned all about the Temple.
- He was faithful as he learned.
- He completed his tasks and finished each job.
- The Lord blessed him and he became a prophet.

## QUESTIONS TO ASK

1. Why was Samuel taken to the Temple? (He was dedicated to the Lord and taken to the Temple to learn)
2. How do we know that he was faithful? (because he stayed as a child through to an adult and the Lord blessed him as a prophet.)

## SMALL GROUP LESSON

# Finish The Puzzle

## BOTTOM LINE:

Faithfulness means finishing what you start.

## PROPS NEEDED:

Small puzzle (purchase at the Dollar Store)

## HERE IS WHAT YOU DO:

- As a group put the puzzle together.
- If it is a small puzzle, you could time each person and the fastest one gets a piece of candy.

## HERE IS WHAT YOU SAY:

- That was fun putting the puzzle together.
- Have you ever put together a large, 1000 piece puzzle?
- Those are really fun, but they take a long time.
- (Take one piece out of the small puzzle that you put together as a group.)
- When you start a puzzle, the end game is to finish the puzzle.
- Fit all the pieces together.
- A puzzle is no good with only a few pieces. You need to finish with all of the pieces.
- It may take a few minutes or days - depending on how many pieces.
- But the bottom line is to stay faithful and finish.

## When someone is faithful:

- They are someone who can be counted on.
- They finish what they begin.
- They are on time.
- They keep their words.
- They are faithful to God.

## Faithfulness is a choice.

- You can choose to do what you say you will do.
- You can choose to finish what you begin.
- You can choose to be on time.
- You can choose to keep your word.

## ASKING POINT FOR KIDS:

1. What are faithful characteristics? (someone who can be counted on, they finish what they begin, they are on time, they keep their word, they are faithful to God)
2. How do you become faithful? (faithfulness is a choice)