



## FRUIT - Lesson 5: Faithfulness

### FOR YOUR EYES ONLY: Parent Notes

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.

#### **BOTTOM LINE:**

Faithfulness - Being a person others can count on.

#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

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

#### **PRAY FOR YOUR KIDS**

"Father God, show (insert your child's name) how they can be someone who can be counted on." Amen

*Pray this prayer each day for your children.*

#### **ONE ON ONE**

- It is not too early to teach your children how to be faithful.
- They can be faithful when attending school, church, sporting events.
- They can be faithful to their chores, homework and hobbies.
- They can be faithful to God by reading their Bible, serving in church, prayer, giving and obeying the Father's direction in their life. (What happens at camp shouldn't stay at camp.)

## BIBLE STORY

# Faithful Samuel

## READ THE BIBLE

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

## 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.)

## FAITHFULNESS

- You can be faithful.
- You can be unfaithful.
- But you can't be both.
- Faithfulness is your choice.

## HOME DEVOTION LESSON

# Money, Money, Money

## BOTTOM LINE:

A faithful person is faithful to God.

## NEEDED:

- A clock

## HERE IS WHAT YOU DO:

- Designate a specific time for devotions, such as 8am each morning.
- Tell your family what time they need to be in living room and what they need to bring with them (Bible, notepad etc.)
- Do not remind them. This will be a training time for them.
- When the designated devotion time arrives, be there ahead of time, waiting. Remember, do not remind anyone.

## HERE IS WHAT YOU SAY:

1. Do your family devotions.
2. Talk about what faithfulness means:
  - Someone others can count on.
  - On time.
  - Completes their tasks.
  - Keeps their words.
  - A willing servant.
3. Talk about what faithfulness to God means:
  - 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.

## HERE'S WHAT YOUR KIDS DO:

1. Discuss what areas of faithfulness need to be worked on and what they need to do:
  - Example* - Always late for practice - need to be on time  
Solution - Mark calendar and get a watch
  - Example* - Not finishing homework - need to finish and turn in on time  
Solution - Make designated time for homework and remember to turn in on time.
2. Work on one area of faithfulness to God each week over the next month.
  - Read Bible
  - Serving @ church
  - Prayer
  - Giving
  - Obeying