



Year 1—Quarter 3: God the Holy Spirit

Faithfulness

Hey there, kids! Today we're going to talk about something super cool called **faithfulness**, which is a special power-up we get from God!

So, imagine you have a superhero inside you, and that superhero is the **Holy Spirit**. When you believe in God, the Holy Spirit comes to live in your heart. And guess what? He brings along a backpack full of goodies, and one of those goodies is faithfulness!

Now, faithfulness is a shiny, golden fruit. It's not something we can eat, but it's something we can show to others. It means being a good friend, keeping promises, and sticking by someone no matter what.

Since we aren't perfect, some-

times we might forget to be faithful. But that's okay! Because the more we hang out with God, read the Bible, and talk to Him, the more our faithfulness fruit grows and becomes a big part of who we are. It's like getting stronger and leveling up in a video game!

God is like the biggest waterfall of faithfulness; it just keeps flowing and never stops! So, how can we be like God and level up our faithfulness? We can pray, sing songs to Him, learn His words in the Bible, and do what He says is right. It's like showing up to play on God's team every day!

Remember, kids, with God's fruit of the Spirit inside us, we can be super faithful friends, just like Him!

Power Point

God is faithful even when we are faithless and He can make faithfulness a part of who we are

MEMORY VERSE

1 Samuel 12:24, "Only fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you." (ESV)

LESSON INTRODUCTION: They should make nice Straight lines this time.

Have kids stand on the opposite site of the room from you. Ask them to walk slowly toward you, in as straight a line as possible. While they walk toward you, move around a lot so they can't walk in a straight line.

ASK: Can you walk in a straight line when aiming for me?

Have kids go back to their side. This time, have them choose a stationary object on your side to walk toward.

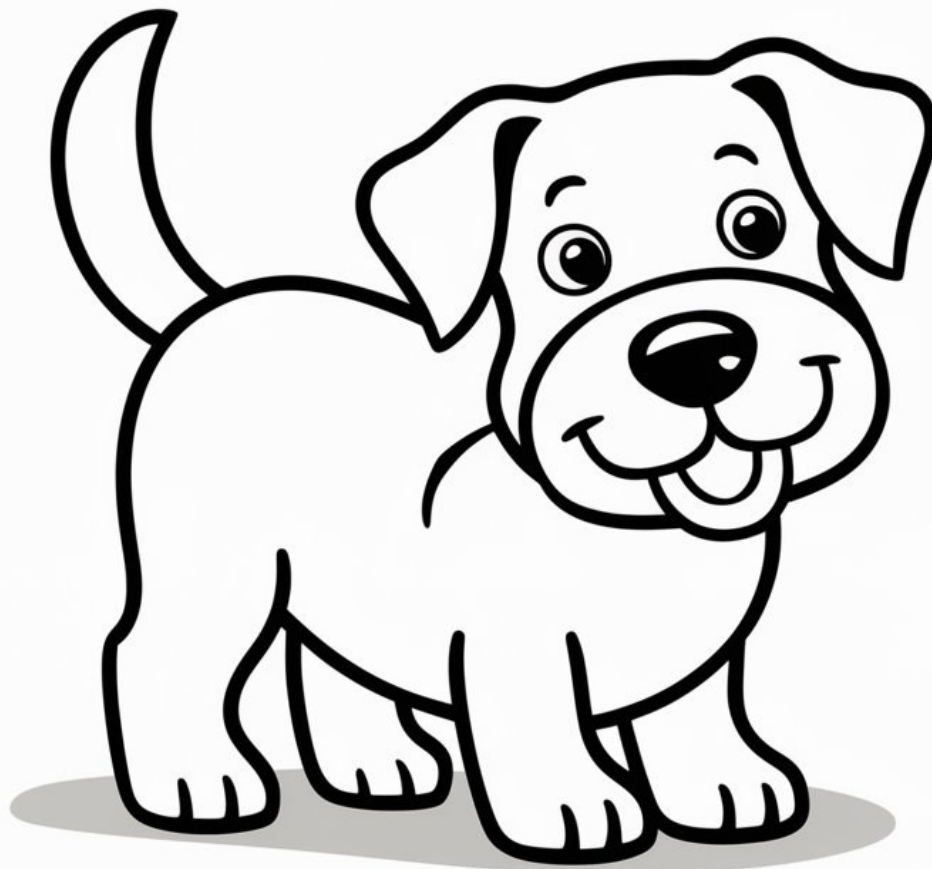
ASK: Can you walk in a straight line when aiming for something that doesn't move?

SAY: Jesus is like that stationary object - faithful and unchanging no matter what. When we keep our spiritual eyes on our faithful Jesus, we can become faithful as well.

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FAITHFULNESS

Dogs are loyal and faithful.



Take-Home

Summary

Bible Passages:

1 Sam. 12:24; Ps. 86:15;
Ps. 100:5 Rom. 3:3-4

Main Point:

God is faithful even when we are faithless and He can make faithfulness a part of who we are.

Discuss:

Q: What does it mean to be faithful? How is faithfulness different from loyalty?

Q: How does God demonstrate faithfulness in the Bible?

Q: How can we cultivate faithfulness in our own lives? What steps can we take to grow in faithfulness?

A Gospel-Centered Approach:

- God is all the fruit rolled into one amazing Being.
- Jesus is all of God's attributes displayed in a single human being.
- Kids will only be good when they fall in love with the good God Who loves them enough to die for them.

Explore the Bible

Read: "Psalm 37:3 says, 'Trust in the Lord and do good things. Live in the land and be a good friend to faithfulness.'"

Say: "The Bible teaches us that being faithful is a big part of who we are when we follow Jesus. What does this part of the Bible teach us about being faithful? What do you think it means to 'be a good friend' to faithfulness? (Let's think about this for a little bit.)"

Explain: When you become friends with someone, you need to spend time with them and work on making your friendship stronger, just like taking care of a plant to help it grow. We should work on being faithful ourselves. This means we should always try to be loyal and true to our family, our friends, and to God. It also means asking God to help us be more faithful, learning about faithfulness from the Bible, and getting to know God better because He is the best example of someone who is always faithful.

Family Activity

Play a game of hide and seek. Afterward, ask: can you ever hide from God? Will God ever hide from you?

Have your kids make up a song about God's faithfulness.

Apply and Pray

What are some ways we can be a good friend to faithfulness?

Teach your kids a breath prayer: As you breathe in, say "When I am faithless" and as you breathe out, say "you remain faithful."