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## Year 2—Quarter 2 God's Big Plan

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#### Mordecai is a Faithful Follower of the King

**The Story:** Mordecai was sitting by the king's gate when he overheard two of the king's officers who were the guards of his doorway, discussing how angry they were at King Xerxes. They were so angry with him that they made plans to kill him.

Mordecai overheard the plan and told Queen Esther about it. She reported to the king the plan made by the unfaithful guards and told him that Mordecai had given her the information. The king had the report investigated, and when he found out that it was true, he had the two unfaithful guards killed on a gallows. All of this was recorded in the book of history kept for King Xerxes.

Much later, when the king could not sleep one night, he had someone read from the record book. They read him the story of how Mordecai saved his life by exposing the assassination plan

made by the two unfaithful guards. The king then asked what kind of reward had been given to Mordecai. When he found out that nothing had been done, King Xerxes asked his helper, Haman, what should be done for a man whom the king wanted to honor. Haman thought the king wanted to honor him, so he suggested the man should get to wear one of the king's royal robes and ride on a horse that the king had ridden with a royal crest on its head. Then, he suggested that one of the king's nobles lead the horse around the city saying, "This is what is done for the man the king delights to honor." In the end, Mordecai was honored and rewarded for being faithful, and Haman was punished for his unfaithfulness (Esther 6:11, Esther 7:10).

Mordecai was a faithful friend. How can you be faithful? (Loyal to God and friends)

#### What Does "Faithful Equals Fruitful" Mean?

Alright, let's imagine a little apple tree in a big garden. Every day, the sun shines down, the rain waters it, and the gardener takes care of it. The little tree is **faithful**; it stands tall and strong, and it doesn't give up, even when the days are super hot or very windy.

Now, because the little tree is so faithful and doesn't give up, it starts to grow apples. Lots and lots of apples! This is being **fruitful**. It means the tree is doing a great job at being a tree, and now it has yummy fruit to show for it.

So, when we say "faithful equals fruitful," it's like saying, if you keep doing your best and don't give up, just like the little apple tree, you'll do great things and have good things to share with others, like kindness, help, and smiles.

It's a way to remember that when we stick to doing good things, even when it's tough, we end up making the world a better place, just like the tree makes the garden better with its tasty apples.



#### Power Point

God has great things in store for me and I will never quit.

**MEMORY VERSE**  
Proverbs 28:20, "A faithful man will be richly blessed."

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### **Skit: Parable of the Sower**

#### **Luke chapter 8**

Have four children help you who are comfortable with acting. Plan to read the story and Jesus' interpretation of the story phrase by phrase. After each phrase, coach your four helpers to act it out.

**"Some fell on the path."** For this, have one actor jump forward and squat down. Have the other three act like birds who come and carry off the "seed."

**"Some fell on rock."** Have three actors squat down pretending to be rocks. Let the fourth actor pretend to be planted, grow up some, and then wither away.

**"Some fell among thorns."** Let three helpers act like clods of dirt. As the fourth actor "grows" the first three should make their hands look like thorns and choke the fourth actor.

**"Some fell on good soil."** Your first three actors should lie down in straight rows. The fourth will jump forward into the middle of the rows and then grow up nice and tall.

Next, as you read verses 11-15, have your actors do a little skit for each phrase.

**Path** = Have one actor pray. Then let the other three come and distract him and take him away.

**Rock** = Have one actor pray and then let the other three make fun of him for praying and carrying a Bible. They invite him to come party with them.

**Thorns** = Have one pray and then let the others tempt him with money, fast cars or fame.

**Good Soil** = Let one pray and then preach to the crowd, "repent and be baptized!" and the other three actors to remain faithful to God.

**Apply:** God has given us talents and resources. We need to use them in a way that is pleasing to Him. He is pleased when we are willing to use our talents and abilities to bring honor to Him. One way to honor God with our talents is to make sure that whenever someone compliments our special abilities, is to give the honor to God by saying, "Thank you. God has made me with \_\_\_\_\_" ("strong legs," if someone compliments your running ability; "a creative mind," if someone compliments your creative writing or drawing, etc.). This way, we bring honor to God instead of ourselves.

#### **A Kid Who is Faithful is a Kid Who:**

- ...is confident God will never withdraw His love or break His promises.
- ...is a loyal, supportive friend.
- ...can be trusted to fulfil promises and commitments.
- ...puts the welfare of others ahead of their own welfare.

### **Small Group Discussion**

**Lesson: Mordecai is Faithful** (Esther 2:21-23; 6:1-11 and 7:10)

#### **Questions for discussion**

1. How were the officers who guarded the king's gate unfaithful?
2. How was Mordecai faithful to the king?
3. How was Mordecai eventually rewarded for his faithfulness?
4. If you were faithful like Mordecai, would you have liked to go for a ride on a horse and wear a special robe or is there some other way you would have liked to be honoured by the king?
5. How can you be faithful to your parents?
6. How can you be a faithful friend?

### **Game: Alphabet Pockets**

Divide into two teams. Every-one on the team searches through their own pockets, wallets, pocketbooks, etc. The group tries to come up with one possession which begins with each letter of the alphabet. The winning team is the one to have objects representing the most letters. Play lively music while the game goes on.

**Ask,** "Was it hard to complete this game?" Explain that God wants us to be faithful to Him and complete His plan for our life.

