

Faithful to All His Promises

Scope and Sequence



Faithful to All His Promises is a study for children on the Promises of God. Children will not simply learn about some of God's promises, but rather they will discover what it means to trust in those promises. Emphasis is placed on the idea that God's promises are a gift to us, not something that we deserve. The curriculum begins by teaching children what a promise is, what makes God trustworthy with these promises, and who these promises are for. Then children get to explore some specific promises from God, seeing how He has been and will be faithful to each of those promises.

Lesson 1: Promises

Memory Verse: Psalm 145:9

The Bible contains many promises; some are for all people and some are for particular people.

In this first lesson, students will learn what a promise is and that some promises are for all people and some only for God's children. God's promises to His people are explained as undeserved gifts. During this lesson, the teacher makes a promise to the students. This promise will be used as an illustration throughout the rest of the curriculum to demonstrate what it is like to wait for the fulfillment of a promise.

Lesson 2: Promises to Believers

Memory Verse: John 1:12

God has made promises that are only for His children.

This lesson begins by helping children to identify promises that are for all people, promises for certain people, and promises for one person only. God's promise to Abraham is then explained. The lesson leads children to discover how, as descendants of Abraham by faith, Christians are heirs of God's promise to Abraham.

Lesson 3: Promises to Unbelievers

Memory Verse: Psalm 1:6

God promises eternal punishment to unbelievers.

Building on the last lesson, students will study that just as God has given promises to His children, He has also given promises to unbelievers. These are promises of punishment. As children study what this promise of punishment involves, they will also see that man will not die in ignorance, and that these individuals die in sin because they reject the truth about God and do not trust Him, even though He has made Himself known and given them a chance to repent.

Lesson 4: God Always Keeps His Promises

Memory Verse: Numbers 23:19

God always keeps His promises; God's character shows that He can be trusted to keep His promises.

Students will begin the lesson by examining the ways that humans often fail to keep promises. They will then examine various Scripture passages to see attributes of God that prove He cannot fail to keep His promises. Knowing this can help us to trust God to fulfill His promises.

Lesson 5: Conditional Promises*Memory Verse: Jeremiah 7:23***Some of God's promises make a requirement of the promise receiver for their fulfillment.**

This lesson defines a conditional promise and teaches children how to identify these promises. Children are introduced to a number of specific conditional promises in the Bible (e.g. Joshua 1:8), and the consequences when Israel fulfilled or failed to fulfill their obligations. It ends with the comforting truth that God always fulfills His part of conditional promises.

Lesson 6: PROMISE: Salvation for All Who Call*Memory Verse: Acts 2:21b***God will not turn away anyone who comes to Him.**

This is the first in a series of lessons on specific promises. It has a salvation focus, explaining what it means to “be saved” and why salvation is necessary. It further explains that salvation is a gift that only God can give and reveals the truth that everyone who puts his trust in God will be saved. Through the story of the thief on the cross, children will see that God will not turn away sinners who put their trust in Him.

Lesson 7: PROMISE: God Will Forgive You*Memory Verse: 1 John 1:9***If we confess our sins, God will forgive us.**

This lesson also focuses on a specific promise—the promise of forgiveness for those who confess their sin. It aims to teach that when God forgives our sins, He “blots out” our sins (Isaiah 43:25). This lesson focuses on two individuals who knew of God’s gracious forgiveness: The woman caught in adultery, and a historical figure, John Newton.

Lesson 8: PROMISE: God Will Be With You*Memory Verse: Joshua 1:9***God promises to be with His children wherever they go.**

This week’s promise reminds children that God is everywhere all the time. This can be a fearful thought to those who would try to hide their sin from God, but a comforting thought to the child of God who is assured of God’s continual presence with him. Through examining God’s call on Joshua, children will see Christians have no reason for fear when we are accompanied by the Almighty God.

Lesson 9: PROMISE: Nothing Can Separate You from God's Love *Memory Verses: Romans 8:38-39***God loves believers even when they sin; God will love His people forever because He is faithful.**

Nothing can separate believers from the love of God—this is the promise taught in Lesson 12. Students will learn that sin grieves God, but God loves His children even when they sin because He is faithful. Those who love God repent of their sin as Peter did. Inversely, a person who delights in sin and whose heart is hardened toward God, a person who is unwilling to repent or who does not grieve over his sin, may not be a child of God.

Lesson 10: PROMISE: God Will Complete His Work in You*Memory Verse: Philippians 1:6b***God will complete His work in a believer's life, bringing him to maturity.**

God does not get tired of His children or forsake them—He realizes that they are dust, and will complete His work in their lives. He does not leave us where we are, but He strives to help us grow, to make us more like Jesus. Children will discover that just as God did His completing work in Peter, He is working in the lives of all believers to make them more like Jesus. Though Christians still sin, God has promised to complete His work in them.

Lesson 11: PROMISE: You Will Bear Fruit*Memory Verse: John 15:5***God promises that His followers will bear fruit.**

The promise of this lesson is that Christians will bear fruit—but how does that happen? This lesson teaches that fruit in the life of a Christian comes from abiding in Jesus. In the Bible, children will discover the Fruit of the Spirit and learn that abiding in Jesus means trusting in Him and relying on Him rather than on our own strength. The lesson uses the illustration of a tree producing fruit. Just as a tree needs a healthy trunk and strong roots to grow and produce fruit in season, Christians need to be nourished and growing in order to produce the Fruit of the Spirit.

Lesson 12: PROMISE: God Hears Your Prayers*Memory Verse: Psalm 34:15***God hears the prayers of the righteous and always answers those prayers.**

This lesson uses the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal to demonstrate the existence of the living God and His faithfulness to answer the prayer of the righteous. Children are reassured that God always hears the prayers of His children and always answers every one of their prayers. His answer may be “yes,” “no,” or “wait.” The four different kinds of prayers are also identified as children are encouraged to give illustrations of each.

Lesson 13: PROMISE: The Lord Will Guide You*Memory Verses: Proverbs 3:5-6***God will guide His children; our greatest happiness comes from following God.**

Our greatest happiness comes from following God, but how does one do that? This lesson is designed to show children that God will guide them in the way they should go—in truth. In the Scriptures, children will look at several biblical characters identifying whether they did things “their way” or “God’s way.” In doing so, they also discover that following God’s way brings the greatest joy. The lesson ends by presenting God’s promise to guide His children, showing that God’s Word is the only reliable guide, and encouraging the children to trust God.

Lesson 14: PROMISE: God Will Provide for Your Needs*Memory Verse: Philippians 4:19***God will provide all your needs.**

Because God is faithful to the promise that He will provide the needs of His children, the focus of this lesson is to encourage children to know and trust God. The birds and flowers that God cares for in Matthew 6 are the backdrop for children to understand not to seek the lesser things but the greater thing of seeking the kingdom of God. A story from the life of George Müller is used as an illustration of God’s faithfulness in caring for the needs of His children.

Lesson 15: PROMISE: God Will Not Withhold Any Good Thing*Memory Verse: Psalm 84:11***God will not withhold anything from you that is good for you.**

This lesson focuses on the promise that God will not withhold any good thing from His children. If God withholds something from us, it is because it is not good for us or because He has something better for us. In this lesson, students will see God’s hand at work in the lives of Hannah and Amy Carmichael (missionary to India).

Lesson 16: PROMISE: God Will Fight for You*Memory Verse: Psalm 46:1***God is our helper; He will fight for us.**

God acts on behalf of those who wait for Him. Children will learn that they do not have to fear anything they are facing or will face in life, because if they are children of God, they have a BIG God on their side. He is always present with them and will fight for them. He is a strong Helper!

Lesson 17: PROMISE: God is Slow to Anger*Memory Verse: Psalm 86:15***God is slow to anger and patient with His children.**

This lesson aims to show children that God has compassion on His children, for He remembers that we are dust. Because of this, He does not treat His children as their sins deserve; His heart is always to forgive, restore, strengthen, and help. As the children explore Moses’ reluctance to accept God’s commission to confront Pharaoh, they will see the patient, compassionate grace that God extends to His children. Yet, though God is slow to anger, our sin still grieves God.

Lesson 18: PROMISE: God Will Give You Strength*Memory Verse: 2 Chronicles 16:9a***God will give strength to those who trust in Him.**

This lesson emphasizes the promise of strength from God and also shows children that God’s power is shown through our weakness. Through a series of visual illustrations and passages in the Bible, children will see that God’s power is more than enough for any situation. They will also see how God is glorified when we rely on Him in our weakness.

Lesson 19: PROMISE: Though You Stumble, You Will Not Fall*Memory Verses: Psalm 37:23-24***God sustains the righteous, upholding them with His hand.**

The promise of this lesson reminds children that even when God's children stumble, God will not forsake them. Children will examine David's sin with Bathsheba (at an age-appropriate level) and see God's faithfulness to David, despite David's sin. In mercy, God rescued David from sinking deeper into sin and though there were consequences to David's sin, God continued His completing work in David.

Lesson 20: PROMISE: God Will Discipline You*Memory Verses: Proverbs 3:11-12***God disciplines those He loves.**

The promise that God will discipline His children does not seem like a gift, but this lesson shows that discipline is an act of grace for our good. As illustrated by the story of Jonah, the children will discover that though discipline is painful, it keeps us on God's good path and brings the fruit of the Spirit into our lives. Through the story of God's discipline of David for taking a census, the lesson teaches that God's discipline of His children is merciful, with the goal of causing repentance and healing.

Lesson 21: PROMISE: God Plans Good for You*Memory Verse: Jeremiah 29:11***God's plans for you are to do you good.**

Every day God brings good into the lives of His children, but some people have a hard time believing that God's plans for us are for good. This lesson is designed to show that God is infinitely greater in goodness than anyone or anything else. His good plans for us are better than any plans we have for ourselves. Students will see examples of this in Moses' life, showing that even though the plan didn't always seem to make sense, God's plan was indeed good.

Lesson 22: PROMISE: God Will Be With You in the Hard Times*Memory Verse: Isaiah 43:2a***God allows His children to go through hard times because He loves us and wants our faith to grow.**

This lesson shows from Scripture that Christians will have troubles, but God has promised to be with His children in the hard times. This truth is clearly demonstrated in the lesson through the story of the stoning of Stephen. Children will learn that in the midst of difficulty, we can grow in our faith and reliance on God as He proves Himself faithful to walk with His people through every difficulty.

Lesson 23: PROMISE: God Will Not Bring Any Unnecessary Suffering into Your Life*Memory Verses: Lamentations 3:32-33***God does not delight in our difficulties; He brings only necessary suffering in our lives.**

This lesson shows students that God uses difficulties to teach us to trust in Him. Though Jesus took no pleasure in the suffering of Mary and Martha, He purposefully waited until Lazarus died to go to them in order to reveal His greatness and strengthen the faith of those who believed. The suffering that God causes His children is always for their good and His glory, as it was in the case of Nebuchadnezzar, who learned to praise God whose works are right and ways are just.

Lesson 24: PROMISE: If You Remain Steadfast Under Trial, You Will Be Rewarded*Memory Verse: James 1:12***God will reward steadfast faith.**

This lesson reinforces the truth that trials give us the opportunity to develop steadfastness. Steadfastness is defined and then illustrated through the life of Paul, who remained steadfast through many trials and hardships by the grace of God. The children are taught about the possible responses to suffering, as well as how God's children can endure suffering victoriously.

Lesson 25: PROMISE: The Lord Will Keep You from Harm*Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 4:18***God is your protection from the assaults against your body, mind, and soul.**

This lesson continues the series of promises that help Christians to persevere in times of suffering and adversity. This lesson and the following lesson use the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's refusing to obey King Nebuchadnezzar's decree. Though the king threatens the lives of these young men, they stand firm in their decision to worship God alone. The lesson ends without concluding the story, but instructing children in how to fight the attacks of the enemy on our faith.

Lesson 26: PROMISE: God Will Deliver You from All Your Troubles*Memory Verse: Psalm 34:17***God delivers the righteous from their troubles.**

This lesson continues where Lesson 25 leaves off. After a review of the Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego narrative, the lesson tells the conclusion of the story, highlighting God's deliverance of these young men from the fiery furnace and His preservation of their faith. The lesson concludes with the truth that no lasting harm can ever come to the children of God, as their souls are safe with God.

Lesson 27: PROMISE: Joy Comes with the Morning*Memory Verse: Psalm 30:5b***God will end suffering for the righteous.**

This lesson continues to encourage children that the promises of God show us where we can place our trust in difficult times. God promises to end suffering for His children, though the end of suffering is not always immediate. The focus of the Good Friday story demonstrates how Jesus suffered through all the punishment of the cross until the fulfillment of God's purpose. What happened on Good Friday and on Easter Sunday can bring us hope of an eternity without suffering, when Christ brings us home to be with Him forever. Children are taught to look toward the end of the matter for the hope and faith to endure the present trial.

Lesson 28: PROMISE: All Things Work Together for Good*Memory Verse: Romans 8:28***God has a good purpose for everything in the life of a believer.**

Concluding the section on God's promises through hardship is the glorious truth that all things work for good for the children of God. The biblical definition of "good" in Romans 8:28 is explored and then illustrated through the life of Naaman.

Lesson 29: PROMISE: God Will Not Forsake His People*Memory Verse: Psalm 94:14***God will not forsake His people whom He loves with an everlasting love.**

The book of Hosea reveals the amazing steadfastness of God's faithfulness to His people, through the illustration of Hosea and Gomer's marriage, and Hosea's faithful love for his wife and obedience to God. Children will first study the Bible to learn the story of Hosea and then see the parallels to God's faithfulness to us.

Lesson 30: PROMISE: God Will Not Forget His Promises*Memory Verse: Jeremiah 1:12b***God will do what He has promised; He is at work even when we don't see what He is doing.**

So far the students have learned a lot of amazing promises, but will God ever forget these promises like people often do? No! This is the first in a series of three lessons on God's faithfulness in the life of Joseph. In this lesson, students will be introduced to Joseph and his family. By the end of the lesson, Joseph has been sold into slavery by his brothers. It looks as if God has perhaps forgotten Joseph. Students will be asked to ponder how Joseph should respond in this situation.

Lesson 31: Look Up, Not Down*Memory Verses: 2 Corinthians 4:17-18*

God is always at work for the good of His children; we have the choice to question God's wisdom and goodness or to trust Him.

This is the second in a three-lesson series on God's faithfulness to Joseph. After a brief review of last week, students will continue the story as Joseph is falsely accused and sent to prison. While he is there, he interprets the dreams of his fellow prisoners, only to be forgotten by them later. Again, it seems that God has forgotten Joseph, and children will once again be encouraged to think about how Joseph will respond in such a situation as they are taught either to look down at circumstances or look up to God.

Lesson 32: God is Accomplishing His Purposes*Memory Verse: Isaiah 14:24*

God fulfills His purpose for your life as He works out His eternal purposes.

This lesson concludes the three-part series on God's involvement in the life of Joseph. Students will see that everything Joseph has endured thus far will be used to accomplish great things for him, his family, and best of all, God's eternal purposes. The children will see how all of the pieces of Joseph's life worked together for good and that God did not forget Joseph or His promises.

Lesson 33: God is Not Slow in Keeping His Promises*Memory Verses: Psalm 27:13-14*

God is not slow in keeping His promises; God's timing is right.

As was seen in the life of Joseph, sometimes it seems that God has forgotten His promises, or that He is taking too long to fulfill them. This lesson demonstrates to students that God's timing is perfect in the fulfillment of His promises. When Rebekah and Jacob plot to steal Esau's birthright, it shows children the dangerous consequences of attempting to do things in our own timing, rather than waiting on God's perfect timing.

Lesson 34: Faithful to All His Promises*Memory Verse: Isaiah 40:8*

God is faithful to all His promises.

This lesson focuses on reinforcing for students that nothing is too hard for God—even giving a baby to an elderly couple, like Abraham and Sarah. God does exactly what He says He will do; His promise is sure and never ending. Near the end of the lesson, the students' attention is drawn to God's further fulfillment of His promise to Abraham as his descendants grow in number leading to the great nation, just as God promised.

Lesson 35: Trusting in the Promises*Memory Verse: Hebrews 11:1*

Obedience to God flows from faith in God.

This lesson focuses on what it looks like to trust in the promises of God. Through examples in Abraham's life, this lesson demonstrates that acting as though the promise has been fulfilled is a sign of trusting in the promises of God. Similarly, obedience flows from a heart trusting in God. This lesson also incorporates a missionary story of obedience to God that flowed from trust in God's promises.

Lesson 36: Failure to Trust in the Promises*Memory Verse: Romans 14:23b*

We act according to what we believe; doubting God's promises is wrong and brings consequences.

This lesson opens with an illustration that shows children that our attitudes of doubt or trust often flow out of what is in our hearts. As the class studies Zechariah's response to God's promise of a son, they will see that even though Zechariah did not believe this promise, God was still faithful to fulfill it. However, Zechariah's disbelief also had negative consequences.

Lesson 37: Fighting the Fight of Faith*Memory Verses: Ephesians 6:10-11***The battle for faith must be fought in the Lord's strength.**

This curriculum has guided children through a number of God's good promises, but what do we do when we are having trouble trusting in these promises? Fighting the fight of faith is a daily battle for Christians. It is Satan who fights against the faith of believers and tries to discourage them from believing God's promises. Children are given strategies to employ in fighting for faith. This lesson shows that it is only with the Lord's strength that we are able to fight back, and God is faithful to strengthen His people.

Lesson 38: Standing on the Promises of God*Memory Verse: Psalm 30:5***God will protect His reputation as a Promise-Keeper.**

What does it mean to believe the promises of God? This lesson shows children that a person who believes the promises of God will act in a way that shows he believes God's promises. Joshua and Caleb demonstrated this when they trusted God's power rather than the strength of the Canaanites. Despite their fears, they knew that God would give them the land—because God always keeps His promises.

Lesson 39: Trusting in the Promises Leads to Obedience*Memory Verse: Romans 10:17***Faith is a gift from God.**

This lesson shows how a person lives out his faith when he believes the promises. Trusting in the promises leads to obedience. When Jesus asked Simon, James, and John to place their nets in the water where they had been fishing all night, it may have seemed ridiculous, but their obedience to Christ produced not only fish, but also led to their increased faith in Jesus. This is contrasted with Israel's disobedience and lack of faith in God's promise at Horeb. Children are then shown what they can do to increase their faith—ask God, the Giver of faith, for faith and saturate themselves with the Word.

Lesson 40: PROMISE: Eternal Life*Memory Verses: John 14:2-3***Those who are trusting in Jesus will live forever in heaven with Him.**

The curriculum concludes with the greatest promise of all...eternal life with God! This lesson reminds students that Christians are aliens and exiles in this world and that heaven is their real home. Therefore, believers should be looking forward to heaven, where all the promises of God will find perfect fulfillment.

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