



Faithful to All His Promises

Scope & Sequence

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

Lesson 1: Promises

God's Covenant with Noah (Genesis 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 how some promises are only for particular people. 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.

Memory Verse: Psalm 145:9

Lesson 2: Promises to Believers

God's Covenant with Abraham (Genesis 17)

God has made promises that are only for His children.

- ▶ Students begin this lesson by identifying certain promises in the Bible and noting that these promises are designated for certain people. They will then move on to examine God's promise to Abraham and discover how, as descendants of Abraham by faith, Christians are heirs of this promise

Memory Verses: Galatians 3:29; John 1:12

Lesson 3: Promises to Unbelievers

Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16)

God promises to punish 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 they 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.

Memory Verse: Psalm 1:6b

Lesson 4: Promise: God Always Keeps His Promises

Various Passages

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 prevent God from failing to keep His promises. Knowing this can help us to trust God to fulfill His promises.

Memory Verses: Isaiah 46:9b; Numbers 23:19; Jeremiah 1:12b

Lesson 5: Failure to Trust in the Promises

God's Promise to Zechariah (Luke 1)

Failure to trust in the promises of God can bear serious results; God is faithful, even when we doubt.

- ▶ 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.

Memory Verses: Psalm 118:8; Psalm 36:5; Psalm 86:15; John 20:29

Lesson 6: God is Faithful to All His Promises

God Promises a Son to Abraham & Sarah (Genesis 12-21)

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. Near the end of the lesson, the students' attention is drawn to God's further fulfillment of His promise to Abraham as the descendants of Abraham grow in number leading to the great nation, just as God promised.

Memory Verses: Psalm 145:13b; Isaiah 46:11b; Isaiah 40:8

Lesson 7: Trusting in the Promises

The Life of Abraham (Genesis 12-22; Hebrews 11)

Trusting in the promises of 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 some missionary stories of those who obeyed in faith because of their trust in God's promises.

Memory Verse: Hebrews 11:1

Lesson 8: Conditional Promises

Various Passages

Some of God's promises make a requirement of the promise receiver for their fulfillment.

- ▶ This lesson focuses on those promises that require a fulfilled obligation to be true. Children are introduced to a number of promises in the Bible in which God gave conditions for specific promises to be fulfilled (e.g. Joshua 1:8), and the consequences of what happened when Israel fulfilled or failed to fulfill their obligations. God always fulfills His part of conditional promises.

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 7:23b

Lesson 9: Promise: Salvation for All Who Call

The Thief on the Cross (Luke 23)

God will not turn away anyone who comes to Him.

Zacchaeus (Luke 19)

- ▶ This is the first in a series of lessons on specific promises. It has a salvation focus, emphasizing that salvation is a gift, and only God can give the gift of salvation. The lesson aims to show that everyone who puts his trust in God will be saved. Through the stories of the thief on the cross and Zacchaeus, as Jesus calls each of them to repentance, children will see that God will not turn sinners away if they seek Him.

Memory Verses: Acts 2:21; John 6:37; Ephesians 2:8-9

Lesson 10: Promise: God Will Forgive You

The Woman Caught in Adultery (John 8)

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 forgets our sins. He does not hold our sins against us. This lesson focuses on two individuals who knew of God’s gracious forgiveness: The woman caught in adultery and a historical figure, John Newton.

Memory Verses: 1 John 1:9; Isaiah 43:25; Psalm 103:12

Lesson 11: Promise: God Will Be with You

God’s Call on Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1)

God promises to be with His children wherever they go.

- ▶ This week’s promise reminds children that God is everywhere all the time, He can be faithful to the promise to be with His children wherever they go. Sometimes we are fearful of situations in our lives, but through examining God’s calls on Joshua and Jeremiah, children will see we have no reason for fear when we are accompanied by the Almighty God.

Memory Verses: Joshua 1:9; Matthew 28:20b

Lesson 12: Promise: Nothing Can Separate You from God’s Love

Peter’s Denial (Luke 22; John 21)

God loves us even when we sin; God will love His people forever because He is faithful.

- ▶ Nothing can separate believers from the love of God—this is the promise in Lesson 12. Students will learn that sin grieves God and that those who love God repent of their sins, but God loves us even when we sin because He is faithful. 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.

Memory Verses: Romans 8:38-39; Psalm 103:15-18

Lesson 13: Promise: God Will Complete His Work in You

Life of Peter (New Testament Passages)

God will complete His work in a believer’s life; He will bring you 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. We are all incomplete projects. There is still work to be done in our lives.

Memory Verses: Philippians 1:6b; 1 John 3:2; Romans 8:29

Lesson 14: Promise: You Will Bear Fruit

Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 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.

Memory Verses: John 15:5, 8

Lesson 15: Promise: God Hears Your Prayers

Elijah and the Prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18)

God hears the prayers of the righteous.

- ▶ This lesson focuses on God's promises regarding prayer. Students will learn that God answers prayer even before we pray. Not all prayers ask God for things. Some prayers are just to tell God that you love Him, to thank Him, or to confess sin. God hears all of those prayers, too!

Memory Verses: Psalm 34:15; Isaiah 65:24

Lesson 16: Promise: The Lord Will Guide You

Various Passages

Our greatest happiness comes in following God.

- ▶ Our greatest happiness comes in 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 and find out what would have happened if those people had not followed God's instructions.

Memory Verses: Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 32:8; Psalm 48:13b-14; John 16:13; Proverbs 4:11

Lesson 17: Promise: God Will Provide Your Needs

Do Not Worry (Matthew 6)

God will provide all your needs.

- ▶ Because God is faithful to the promise that He will provide all our needs, the focus of this lesson is to remind children to not worry about their needs. Instead they should trust God to care for them. There is also emphasis placed on seeking God and His kingdom rather than possessions, because God is the biggest need of all!

Memory Verses: Philippians 4:19; Matthew 6:33

Lesson 18: Promise: God Will Not Withhold Any Good Thing

Various Passages

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. In this lesson, students will see God's hand at work in the lives of people like Hannah, Elijah, and Amy Carmichael (missionary to India).

Memory Verses: Psalm 84:11; Psalm 34:10

Lesson 19: Promise: God Will Fight for You

Elisha and Gehazi (2 Kings 6)

God is our helper; He will fight for us.

Gideon and Midian (Judges 6)

- ▶ 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!

Memory Verses: Hebrews 13:6; Psalm 46:1; Isaiah 64:4

Lesson 20: Promise: God is Slow to Anger

The Burning Bush (Exodus 4)

God is slow to anger; He is patient with us.

- ▶ This lesson aims to show children that God has compassion on us, for He remembers that we are dust. Because of this, He does not treat His children as their sins deserve. As the students explore Moses' encounter with God at the burning bush they will see God's response to Moses' concern about his slowness of speech. While God is slow to anger, our sin still grieves God.

Memory Verses: Psalm 86:15; Psalm 103:8-10; Psalm 103:13-14

Lesson 21: Promise: God Will Give You Strength

Various Passages

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.

Memory Verses: 2 Chronicles 16:9a; 2 Corinthians 12:9a; Isaiah 40:28-29; Isaiah 40:30-31; Isaiah 41:10; Psalm 73:25-26; Philippians 4:13

Lesson 22: Promise: Though You Fall, You Will Not Be Cast Headlong

David and Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11-12)

God sustains the righteous; He upholds the righteous 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. They will see that David's sin still had consequences, but that God also used that sin for His glory.

Memory Verses: Psalm 37:23-24; Psalm 55:22

Lesson 23: Promise: God Will Discipline You

Story of Jonah (Jonah 1-4)

God disciplines those He loves.

David's Census (1 Chronicles 21)

- ▶ The promise that God will discipline us can be scary, but this lesson shows that God disciplines us for our good, because He loves us, and that we should be grateful for His discipline. As the students study the story of Jonah, they will see that God's discipline is merciful. They will also briefly look at God's discipline for David after Israel's census.

Memory Verses: Proverbs 3:11-12; Hosea 6:1; Proverbs 15:10

Lesson 24: Promise: God Plans Good For You

Life of Moses (Various Old Testament Passages)

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.

Memory Verses: Jeremiah 29:11; Jeremiah 32:40; Lamentations 3:22-23; Isaiah 64:4; Isaiah 30:18

Lesson 25: Promise: God Will Be with You in the Hard Times

Death of Stephen (Acts 7)

God allows us to go through hard times because He loves us and wants our faith to grow.

- ▶ The Bible teaches us that Christians will have troubles, but this lesson is designed to help kids understand that God will be with His children in the hard times. He allows us to go through difficult situations because He loves us and wants us to grow in our faith and reliance on Him. It is in these difficult times that we learn to trust in the promises of God.

Memory Verses: Isaiah 43:2a; Psalm 46:1-3

Lesson 26: Promise: God Will Not Bring Any Unnecessary Suffering into Your Life

Lazarus' Resurrection (John 11)

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. Jesus could have healed Lazarus before he died. But Jesus waited until he died, so that when He resurrected Lazarus, the faith of all who witnessed it grew. This promise goes hand in hand with the previous lesson, pointing out that we will have suffering in our lives, and God does not delight in our hardships, but He does delight in the glory He receives when we rely on Him in these difficulties.

Memory Verse: Lamentations 3:32-33

Lesson 27: Promise: If You Remain Steadfast Under Trial, You Will Be Rewarded

Paul's Sufferings (2 Corinthians 11)

God will reward steadfast faith.

- ▶ This lesson reinforces that trials give us the opportunity to develop steadfastness. By the grace of God, Paul remained steadfast through many trials and hardships. This lesson teaches that by admitting our weaknesses, we let God take over for us. He is strong enough to face any trial that comes our way. When we can't do something, it helps us to say, "God, I need you." In short, God is faithful and when we rely on Him, He will help us to persevere through even the most difficult times.

Memory Verses: James 1:12; James 1:2-3; Hebrews 10:36; 1 Peter 4:16; 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

Lesson 28: Promise: The Lord Will Keep You From Harm

Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego (Daniel 3)

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 fear and adversity. This lesson and the following lesson use the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego when they refuse to obey King Nebuchadnezzar's decree. This lesson leads to the point in the story where the King threatens these three young men and yet they stand firm in their decision to not bow down to his statue. The lesson is designed to help children think about why these three young men could be so strong in their faith.

Memory Verses: 2 Timothy 4:18; Psalm 121:7-8; Psalm 91:9-10; Proverbs 2:7-8; Ephesians 6:16

Lesson 29: Promise: God Will Deliver You From All Your Troubles

The Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3)

God delivers the righteous from their troubles.

- ▶ This lesson continues where Lesson 28 leaves off. After review of the Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego narrative, the lesson tells the story of what happens when they are thrown into the fiery furnace. Children will see that God answers our prayers for help, and that the outcome of this story was not just that their lives were spared, but that God did it for the sake of His glory!

Memory Verses: Psalm 34:17; Psalm 86:5-7; Psalm 34:6; Psalm 34:7-8; 2 Chronicles 20:9

Lesson 30: Promise: Joy Comes in the Morning!

Good Friday (Various Gospel Passages)

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, but the end of suffering is not always immediate. The focus of the Good Friday story demonstrates how Jesus suffered through all the punishment that Good Friday brought. God did end that

suffering after His purpose was accomplished, but 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.

Memory Verses: Psalm 42:11; Psalm 30:4-5; Psalm 30:11; 1 Peter 5:10

Lesson 31: Promise: All Things Work Together for Good

The Life of Ruth (Ruth 1-4)

God has a purpose for everything in your life.

- ▶ This lesson walks children through the book of Ruth and demonstrates that everything in the life of a believer works for good. Even when things seem at their worst, God provides more than we can ask or think. In this lesson, students will make a timeline of the events in the book of Ruth to see how each event worked with others to bring about not only the marriage of Ruth and Boaz, but to eventually fulfill God's sovereign plan to send Jesus.

Memory Verses: Romans 8:28

Lesson 32: Promise: God Will Not Forsake His People

Hosea and Gomer (Hosea 1-14)

God will not forsake His people.

- ▶ 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.

Memory Verses: Psalm 94:14; Psalm 9:10; Isaiah 54:10

Lesson 33: Promise: God Will Not Forget His Promises

The Life of Joseph, Part 1 (Genesis 37-45)

God will do what He has promised.

- ▶ So far the students have learned a lot of amazing promises, but will God ever forget about 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.

Memory Verses: Jeremiah 1:12b; Isaiah 46:11b

Lesson 34: Promise: Look Up, Not Down

The Life of Joseph, Part 2 (Genesis 37-45)

God is accomplishing His eternal purposes through His children.

- ▶ 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 students will once again be encouraged to think about how Joseph will respond in such a situation.

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

Lesson 35: Promise: God is Accomplishing His Purposes

The Life of Joseph, Part 3 (Genesis 37-50)

God fulfills His purpose for your life.

- ▶ This lesson concludes the three-part series on God's involvement in the life of Joseph. Students will see that all of the things Joseph has endured thusfar will be used to accomplish great things for Joseph, 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. God did not forget Joseph or His promises, but He accomplished all of His purposes for His glory.

Memory Verses: Isaiah 46:9b-11; Isaiah 14:24

Lesson 36: Promise: God is Not Slow in Keeping His Promises Jacob Steals the Birthright (Genesis 27)

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.

Memory Verses: 2 Peter 3:9; Psalm 27:13-14

Lesson 37: Fighting the Fight of Faith

Psalm of Asaph (Psalm 77)

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 they do when they 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. This lesson shows that it is only with the Lord's strength that we are able to fight back, and because of His strength we will be victorious.

Memory Verse: Ephesians 6:10-11

Lesson 38: Standing on the Promises of God

The 12 Spies (Numbers 13-14)

God will protect His reputation as a promise keeper.

- ▶ What does it mean to believe the promises of God? This lesson shows students 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 though they saw some scary things in Canaan. Despite their fears, they knew that God would give them the land—because God always keeps His promises.

Memory Verse: Psalm 27:13-14

Lesson 39: Trusting in the Promises Leads to Obedience

Jesus Calls the First Disciples (Luke 5)

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 increased faith in Jesus.

Memory Verse: Romans 10:17

Lesson 40: Promise: Eternal Life

Exiles in this World (Hebrews 11)

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.

Memory Verses: John 14:2-3; 2 Peter 3:13; John 8:51