

### LESSON 4 FAITH

#### LESSON AT A GLANCE

**WONDER TRUTH:** God Is Faithful and Good

**SCRIPTURE:** Hebrews 11

**GOD'S BIG STORY:** For hundreds of years, God's people demonstrate faith by their confidence that His promises will be revealed. God is faithful and good and does what He says He will do.

**WORD OF WONDER:** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. —Galatians 5:22–23 (ISV)

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## Activity: Time's Up!

**SUPPLIES:** time-keeping tools such as a kitchen timer, hourglass timer, stopwatch, or clock; timer (optional)

Set out the different time-keeping tools. Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church. **Welcome to church! I'm glad you're here. We're talking about waiting for God's timing and trusting Him. Let's play with things that keep time.** Let the kids play with the time-keeping items. Help them explore how each of them works and ask where they have seen these tools used.

If you have a timer that makes a “ding” noise when the time is up, let the kids play with it and tell them to pop up when the timer dings. You could also pretend to be a timer and make the “ding” sound yourself, or use a “ding” sound effect.

**Timers help us wait! Do you like to wait?** Allow the kids to respond. **We're going to talk today about people who waited a long time for God to keep His promises! But God always keeps His promises because God is faithful. We can be faithful too.**

## Activity: Ball Pass

**SUPPLIES:** small ball, timer

**In today's God's big story, people waited a long time for God's promises to happen. God is faithful and good. He keeps His promises!**

Set a timer for 5–10 seconds and have the kids pass or roll a ball around the circle (or they can just roll it to you, if you have a young group). **When the timer goes off, invite whoever is holding the ball to say, “God is good!”**

**Leader Tip:** For younger toddlers, you could let them play with and bounce a ball on their own while you say, “God is good!”

On the next timer, have the kid with the ball say, “God is faithful,” and alternate the phrase with each round. If a kid prefers not to say a phrase alone, the whole group can say it together when the timer goes off. **Faithful means God keeps His promises and can be trusted.**

**Our Wonder Truth today is: GOD IS FAITHFUL AND GOOD.**

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

**GOD**—Point up.

**IS FAITHFUL**—Make a thumbs-up with one hand.

**AND GOOD**—Make a thumbs-up with the other hand.

## Worship

**Today we'll learn about how faithful and good God is and how He always keeps His promises. Let's sing about our good God together!**

Play songs from the Be Like Jesus Early Childhood Spotify playlist and encourage the kids to sing and dance as they praise God.

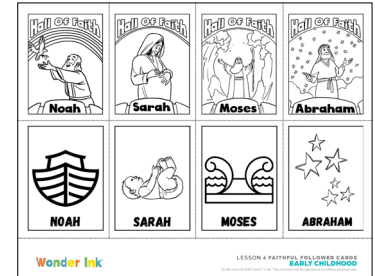
## God's Big Story

**SUPPLIES:** Bible, scissors

**RESOURCES:** Faithful Follower Cards(1/SG), Bible Story Picture (1/SG)

Ahead of time, print a copy of the Faithful Follower Cards and cut apart the cards.

In today's story, we're going to hear about some of God's faithful followers from the Bible. Encourage the kids to say, "faithful." **Faithful** means someone can be trusted. We'll learn about four people who were faithful to God and experienced His goodness. Our story is from the New Testament book of Hebrews 11, which lists faithful followers of God. Their stories were first recorded in the Old Testament.



Show the God's Big Story Video, read the story from the Bible, or use the Script provided. You can print the Bible Story Picture for a visual depiction of the Bible story.

**Faithful followers believe God's promises and trust Him. When I say, "faithful follower," someone can help me hold up a picture of the faithful follower.**

**This list of faithful followers (invite a kid to hold up a card) is in the New Testament book of Hebrews. But the people in the list are from long, long before that. Our first faithful follower (invite a kid to hold up the Noah card) is Noah. Noah listened to God when no one else would and built a boat called an ark before one drop of rain fell from the sky. The people and animals that Noah put on his ark all survived the flood. What strong faith!**

**Our next faithful follower (invite a kid to hold up the Moses card) is Moses. Moses led God's people out of Egypt and through the Red Sea. So scary! But Moses knew God would keep His promise. God parted the water so Moses and God's people could go through! What strong faith!**

**Our next faithful followers (invite a kid to hold up the Abraham and Sarah cards) are Abraham and Sarah. God promised Abraham that He would have a big family. Abraham and Sarah waited and waited and then, when they were old, God gave them a baby. Later, they had many, many grandkids and great-grandkids! God did what He had promised! What strong faith!**

**Hebrews 11 talks about people who believed that God was faithful and good. God's biggest promise was fulfilled through Jesus, for them, and for you and me today! God is greater than any superhero!**

**In your best strong voice, let's shout out today's Wonder Truth: God is faithful and good!**

## Snack

Instruct kids to sit in the floor. Pass out snacks and say a prayer together.

Invite kids to repeat after you:

**Thank you for the world so sweet.** kids repeat

**Thank you for the food we eat.** kids repeat

**Thank you for the birds that sing.** kids repeat

**Thank you God for everything.** kids repeat

Amen

## Word of Wonder

**SUPPLIES:** Bible

### WORD OF WONDER

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

—Galatians 5:22–23a (ISV)

**Our Word of Wonder for the Be Like Jesus series**

**is Galatians 5:22–23a. Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder together.**

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS**—Draw a large “S” into the air.
- **LOVE**,—Pat your hands on your heart.
- **JOY**,—Put your arms up as if celebrating.
- **PEACE**,—Place palms together by cheek and ear to indicate “sleep.”
- **PATIENCE**,—Point to a pretend watch on your wrist.
- **KINDNESS**,—Pretend to give someone a hug.
- **GOODNESS**,—Make a thumbs-up.
- **FAITHFULNESS**,—Make two fists and start with the right fist on top, hitting the left fist, then switch and pound the left fist on top of the right.
- **GENTLENESS**,—Pretend to gently rock a baby.
- **AND SELF-CONTROL**.—Point to yourself with your thumbs.
- **GALATIANS 5:22–23a**—Hold your hands together as if opening a book.

## Prayer and Blessing

Let's talk to God. Give a thumbs-up on one hand when I say, "faithful." Give a thumbs up with your other hand when I say, "good."

God, thank You for being **faithful** (thumbs-up) and **good** (thumbs-up on the other hand). We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands are open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

**Blessing:** May you remember that no matter what you face, God is faithful and good. He always keeps His promises and will do what He says He will do. He loves you, cares for you, and will be by your side every step of the way as you walk with Him!

## Activity: Superhero Flying

**SUPPLIES:** superhero capes or hero eye masks (optional)

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** song from the [Be Like Jesus Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

Let's play a game to remember how good God is. God is greater than any superhero! We can trust God to keep His promises because He is faithful and good. Let the kids wear superhero capes or eye masks.

You can fly around the room like a superhero when the song plays. Remember, God is greater than any superhero! He's the best! We can have strong faith like the faithful followers in God's big story today. The people aren't the heroes—God is the best! God is faithful and good.

Play songs from the [Be Like Jesus Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and invite the kids to run and play. Invite them to make poses like superheroes as they say the Wonder Truth.