

# Faithful

## God Story

A Roman Shows Faith  
*Luke 7:1-10*

### Big Idea

We can experience God's love when we are faithful.

### Key Verses

...[God] is the Father who gives tender love. All comfort comes from him. He comforts us in all our troubles. Now we can comfort others when they are in trouble.  
*2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

### Leader Tip:

Prepare for the activities before the kids arrive, so you can lead with confidence and enthusiasm! Remember to pray for your group, too.

## My Story

### 1. Conversation Starter

2 MINUTES

Lead into the lesson by talking about what it means to be faithful and the kids' experiences showing faithfulness to a person or activity. Introduce this week's Big Idea.

### 2. Intro Activity

5 MINUTES

Use sticky hands to try and hit a bullseye. Discuss questions printed on the rings of the target.

## God Story | Life Story

### 3. Weekly Video

12 MINUTES

Watch the video, which includes host, God Story, Key Verse and Life Story segments. Recap and discuss the teaching together.

## My Story

### 4. Small Group Activity

12 MINUTES \*

Read and discuss Proverbs 3:5-6. Work on a colour-by-numbers to reveal a hidden message.

### 5. Wrap-Up Activity

8 MINUTES

Write about or draw pictures of times when the kids think it's hard to make the right choice and follow Jesus. Pray together.

## Our Story

### 6. Dismissal

Connect with parents and give them the take-home materials.

\* Extend as needed and adjust timing for other activities

# My Story

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## 1. Conversation Starter

### Supplies

- None

### Leader Tip

- Use this activity to build community and set the tone for today's lesson.

### Instructions:

- a. As the kids arrive, welcome them and gather everyone together.
- b. Ask:
  - What does it mean to be faithful?
  - Can you think of an activity or a person that you've been faithful to over time? What has that experience been like?
- c. Depending on the size of your group, have the kids share their answers with the people sitting closest to them or with everyone.
- d. Introduce this week's Big Idea: **We can experience God's love when we are faithful.**

## 2. Intro Activity

### Supplies

- Target with questions printed on it
- Wall-safe tape
- Masking tape
- Sticky hands

### Before the Activity

- Before the kids arrive, hang the target on a wall using wall-safe tape.
- Based on the ages/skill of your group, decide where they'll stand to aim their sticky hands at the target. Make a line on the floor with masking tape.

### Instructions

- a. Gather everyone by the target.
  - b. Explain that one of the meanings of faithfulness is sticking with something. That's why the kids are using sticky hands in this activity!
  - c. Guide them to take turns standing at the line and aiming their sticky hand toward the bullseye on the target.
  - d. If a sticky hand lands on a question, read it aloud and discuss it as a group.
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# God Story | Life Story

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## 3. Weekly Video **Instructions**

### Supplies

- Video file

- a. Play the video. It includes:
    - Host segment
    - God Story (A Roman Shows Faith | Luke 7:1-10)
    - Key Verses segment
    - Life Story (Mark Bilstra states that God saw the little boy call out to Him, and he came through and saved him.)
  - b. Discuss:
    - What was the Life Story about in today's video?
    - What was the God Story about?
    - How do you think these two stories and today's Big Idea (**We can experience God's love when we are faithful**) connect?
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# My Story

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## 4. Small Group Activity

### Supplies

- Bibles
- Colour-By-Numbers activity pages
- Markers

### Leader Tip

- Make sure everyone's names are on their pages.

### Instructions

- Gather your small group to sit together.
- Ensure everyone has a Bible. Share them if needed.
- Guide the kids to look up Proverbs 3:5-6.
- Read the verses together.
- Explain that when we place our trust in God, he shows us the way to go. As we faithfully and consistently pay attention, we'll experience God's always-there-for-us love!
- Emphasize that we don't need to do anything to get God to love us. We simply become more aware of God's love when we are faithful.
- Give each person an activity page.
- Place the markers where everyone can reach them.
- Direct the kids to colour-by-numbers on their pages.
- Tell them that as they stay faithful to the task, a message will be revealed!
- As they colour, review the Big idea (**We can experience God's love when we are faithful**). Make the connection that when we choose to be faithful, we will know God's love and care for us more clearly.

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## 5. Wrap-Up Activity

### Supplies

- Large poster paper
- Markers
- Sticky notes
- Wall-safe tape

### Before the Activity

- Print "Jesus, help us to follow you faithfully when..." in the middle of the poster paper.

### Instructions

- Remain in your small group and sit in a circle.
- Place the poster paper in the middle of the group.
- Give each person a sticky note and a marker.
- Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture of a time when it might be hard to make the right choice and follow Jesus.
- When they're done, guide everyone to place their notes on the poster paper.
- Briefly review the kids' ideas.
- Remind them that we don't have to be faithful with our own strength: Jesus will help us!
- Read aloud the prayer starter that you printed on the paper earlier.
- Pray and ask for Jesus' help with all the kids' notes. Thank him for showing us his love and care as we choose to follow him!

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# Our Story

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## 6. Dismissal

### Supplies

- Crafts
- Take-home cards
- Key Verse cards
- Key Verse colouring pages

### Leader Tip

- Organize the take-home materials so they're easy to access. It may be helpful to sort them before the lesson, then set out any crafts later. Consider having one leader focus on handing out everything.

### Instructions

- a. Greet parents as they arrive to pick up their kids. Take a moment to share a highlight or two from your time together today.
  - b. Give everyone a weekly take-home card.
  - c. Offer a Key Verse card and a colouring page to anyone who has not gotten them this month.
  - d. Remind the kids to take their crafts.
  - e. Make sure their security numbers match before they leave your group's space.
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