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Serving a Faithful God

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for use as
STEP 1 

Lesson 7

Focus:

God is faithful.

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Bible Basis:

Genesis 6:9-10;
7:1-5; 8:18-22

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Memory Verse:

We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.
—Psalm 33:20-21

Students will watch a short video as they think about how God’s faithfulness impacts them.

Materials:

- Internet access
- Paper
- Pens/pencils

As students join your class, have students divide into small groups. Distribute supplies (or invite students to have them ready at home). If your class is meeting online, you can use the breakout room of your video chat software to divide students into groups. Encourage students to come up with sentences about things, people, etc. that they have faith in. This isn’t a deep spiritual list, but rather ways students have faith in something or someone every day, for example, “I have faith that this chair will hold me.” “I have faith in my parents to provide for me.” “I have faith that when I go home, my dog will be happy to see me.” “I have faith that if I study for this test I will pass it,” etc.

Regather and invite each group to share their favorite sentences about what they have faith in. Keep the sharing time short and allow for fun and silliness where appropriate.

➤ **Is it possible for anyone to live without faith in someone or something? Explain.** (Answers will vary. Most students will come to the conclusion that all people have faith in something whether gravity, the laws of nature, love, justice, etc.)

We all must live by faith in some way. Let’s take a look at a young woman who puts her faith in her dog, Dash.

Share this short video with your students:

Let’s see how a blind girl navigates an escalator with her seeing eye dog! #shorts #blindness

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/RkBIDVQBXeo>

Invite students to answer the following questions.

➤ **If Dash was not consistently faithful in helping this young woman, would that hinder how much trust she has in him? For example, what if Dash let her step on the escalator at the wrong moment and caused a tripping hazard. What difference does it make that Dash is consistently faithful in helping her each day? Explain your answer.** (Answers will vary. If Dash wasn't a constant help to her, then the young woman would lose her trust in him, and her life would be very different! Some students may say Dash is her constant helper and friend.)

➤ **Have you ever had to put your faith in someone else and rely on him or her the way this young woman does?** (Answers will vary. Invite students to share about this person. Be prepared to share your own experience.)

➤ **What might have happened if this person had let you down? Would you have been able to trust him or her the next time you needed them?** (Invite students to share their thoughts. Most will say if the person has proven to be trustworthy numerous times then they still may be able to try to trust him or her again, however, consistency would be key here in the trust process. A person who constantly is not trustworthy would not be a person they would rely on.)

In this video, we saw a young woman putting her trust in Dash, who was a faithful and trustworthy helper.

Today we're going to talk about a man who faced great difficulty. Let's see how this story of faithfulness plays out.

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher's guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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Materials:

- Index cards
- Pens/pencils

If your class is meeting online, invite teens to bring supplies with them to class.

Today's Bible lesson is about Noah, a man who was ridiculed by people for following God's command to build a huge ark, but that didn't stop him from trusting God. In return, God showed His faithfulness to Noah and his family by preserving their lives and the lives of the animals with them. God also sent a rainbow with a promise to never destroy the earth by flooding again.

➤ **Why is it important to look at God's faithfulness over the long-term?** (Answers may include: God's faithfulness often takes years to see and understand. Noah spent years making the ark and gathering the animals before he ever felt the first drop of rain. God was faithful to Noah and his family by giving them plans for the ark and time to build it—but when people were laughing at him for believing God, God's faithfulness may not have seemed evident.)

Earlier, we watched a video about a young woman who was blind. She found it easy to put her faith in her dog, Dash. Even though she could not see him, he was faithful and trustworthy. Similarly, God isn't seen, but He is faithfully by our side!

Have students get into pairs and talk about ways they have experienced God's faithfulness. Distribute supplies (or invite students to have them ready at home). Encourage students to find a specific way this week to praise God for His faithfulness in their lives. Suggestions: List on a piece of paper ways God has shown His faithfulness to them or draw a map of their lives so far highlighting times when they most felt God's faithfulness. At the bottom of the paper or the drawing, students may want to write a prayer to God listing specific times they sensed His faithful hand at work in them (example: during the healing process of a broken friendship or throughout a trying time of sickness or depression, etc.)

It may not be easy to always see how God is faithful, but we can know He is by our side because we can feel His presence!

Close in prayer.

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