

Fruit of the Spirit

Part 7

Fruit of the Spirit is FAITHFULNESS.

Genesis 7 – 9 – Noah – God’s Covenant
Lamentations 3:22-23

To understand that God will never stop loving me or break his promises. I can be faithful to Him and other people because he perfectly shows me how to be faithful.

Worship – Walls of Breakthrough

Write on different pieces of paper things you want to see God breakthrough in for yourselves or for friends and family. Lay this around the room like walls around you. Then make trumpets out of paper or get pots and pans and wooden spoons, walk around the walls like the Israelites did in Jericho. (Story of Joshua) Declare God’s freedom and faithfulness. Then blow your trumpets and bang your drums and declare God’s breakthrough.

Worship together using the song “Do it again!” Elevation Worship.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZOBIPb-6PTc>

Intro Activity

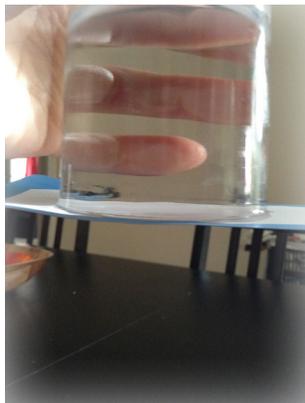
Find and read together **Lamentations 3:22-23**. *“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”* Explain this is our verse for the week.

Trusting God – the amazing water glass trick!

You will need: A glass of water (about 1/2-2/3 full), an index card.

This is what you do: place the index card over the top of the glass, making sure that the whole of the rim is covered by it, and press down.

Hold onto the top of the card with one hand and move your other hand down the glass, towards the bottom of it. Carefully flip the glass upside down, making sure you keep holding the card in place. You may get a TINY bit of drip page at this point, but don't panic! Now slowly move your card holding hand out from underneath and the card should stick, holding the water at bay!



Talk about the fact that what is holding the card in place is the air pressure pressing upwards (stronger than gravity pressing downwards). We can't see the air pressure, but we know it must be working or the water would drop out. We can't see God, but we know that he is there holding us up and supporting us. God is faithful and God knows what He is doing!

Remind each other that Faithfulness is being dependable, trustworthy and loyal in our relationships with God and other people.

The great news is Jesus does not expect us to do it ourselves – He show us his faithfulness towards us first and then He gives us faithfulness through Holy Spirit.

Remind each other that we are looking at the fruits of the Spirit - Galatians 5:22-23 says *“But the fruit that the Spirit produces in a person’s life is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”*

The fruit of the Spirit develops as we grow in our relationship with Jesus. We have already found out about the love, joy, peace, patience, kindness and goodness he releases to us. This week we discover the faithfulness of God toward us and his call for us to be faithful to him and others.

Bible Story

- Read the story of Noah from Genesis 7-9 from a Children's Bible. The Jesus Storybook Bible version – "A new beginning" is a great version. Act out this story – create a boat using boxes, add in as many animals as you can find from plastic and cuddly toys!

Let's talk about faithfulness!

1. Have you ever made a promise that you didn't keep? Has someone ever broken a promise to you? How did that make you feel?
2. God had a rescue plan for Noah. People told him that it was a pretty crazy plan. But He chose to obey and believe that God would never break His promises. Have you ever obeyed God out of faith even when it wasn't what everyone else was doing?
3. How can we be faithful and reflect God's faithfulness to others?

Discuss: Faithfulness is standing up for what we believe in because it is the right thing to do. Noah and his family showed their faithfulness to God in continuing to do what God asked and in believing what God said, despite being laughed at or threatened. The Bible tells us that no matter what our circumstances are, we should try our best to always be faithful to God and continue to tell others how much God loves them because it is the right thing to do.

Activation

God is the promise maker and promise keeper – He is faithful.

- As a family ask God these 3 questions and write down what he says to you:
 1. What is God promising you each personally?
 2. What is God promising you as a family?
 3. What is God promising our nation?
- Pray for yourselves and our nation using "The Blessing!" By Kari Jobe <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zp6aygmVzM4>