

## **KidSlot # 5** **God is Faithful**

Lessons are available at <http://www.yorkalliance.org/resources/kidslot> for you to print copies of the necessary materials for each child in your group.

### **Materials Needed**

- 1 inflated balloon
- 1 iron
- 2 bath towels
- 1 small paper plate per child
- 2 pieces of wax paper (bigger than the paper plate) per child
- Permanent marker
- Scissors
- Colorful tissue paper

### **Today's Objective**

Children will realize that God is always faithful and He can be trusted completely.

### **Scripture**

Psalm 33:4	For the Word of the Lord is right and true; He is <b>faithful</b> in all He does.
*Psalm 145:13b	The Lord is <b>faithful</b> to all His promises and loving toward all He has made.
Deut. 32:4	He is the rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just. A <b>faithful</b> God who does no wrong, upright and just is He.
*I John 1:9	If we confess our sins, He is <b>faithful</b> and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

\* Use these verses with preschoolers.

### **Introductory Activity**

1. Tell the children that the Bible tells us a lot about who God is. From the Bible we know that God is All-Powerful, All-Knowing, Ever-Present, Unchanging, and Faithful. Tonight we will learn about how God is faithful.
2. Play "No Let Down"  
Have children stand in a circle. Blow up a balloon and toss the balloon into the circle. Say: Don't let the balloon fall to the floor. You may only bat at the balloon with your hands. No one is allowed to catch it. As the balloon goes from person to person, count until you reach 100. If the balloon falls, start again and continue counting where you left off. The game ends when the group reaches 100 (or less if taking too long depending on age and ability of group).  
After the game, ask:
  - Did the balloon ever get let down? How?
  - How do we sometimes let other people down?
  - Is it hard to keep promises that we make? Why or why not?
  - Can you depend on people who don't keep promises?
  - The Bible says we can depend on God and that He keeps His promises.
  - Let's talk more about God's faithfulness.

### **Bible Lesson and Activities**

1. Have children find and read Psalm 33:4, Psalm 145:13b, Deuteronomy 32:4 and I John 1:9. **For preschoolers use Psalm 145:13b and I John 1:9 only.** Be sure to explain that faithful means doing what you said you would do or following through on your promises. When it says that God is faithful it means that He will always love us (no matter what we do) and do what He has said in His Word. His actions measure up to His Word. He never lets us down. Discuss these verses for a few minutes.

2. Discussion Questions – Use some or all of the following questions. Be sure to end with the FINAL question. **Questions that can be used with preschoolers are bolded. Preschoolers will understand God’s faithfulness by simply explaining that God always keeps His promises and that He loves them no matter what.**
- **Has anyone ever made you a promise?**
  - **What did they promise you?**
  - **Did they keep their promise?**
  - **If not, how did you feel when they didn’t keep their promise?**
  - **Did you ever make a promise? To who? What did you promise?**
  - **Did you do what you promised? Why or why not?**
  - **Do people always keep their promises?**
  - **What does God promise us? (to love us, take care of us, forgive us etc.)**
  - **Does God keep His promises?**
  - **God promised to forgive our sins. Does He always forgive our sins if we ask Him? (YES)**
  - **God promised to love you. Does He always love you? (YES) Even when you do wrong? (YES)**
  - What does the word “faithful” mean?
  - Does a person who is faithful break promises?
  - Has anyone broken a promise to you? Tell about it and how you felt.
  - Have you ever broken a promise to someone? How did it make you feel? How do you think the other person felt?
  - Can you depend on people who always break their promises? Why or why not?
  - Why do people break promises?
  - Have you ever told your mom or dad you would do something and then didn’t (without promising)?
  - Were you faithful to your parents if you didn’t do what they told you to do?
  - God is always faithful and keeps His promises. What are some promises that He has made to us? (to forgive us, love us, take care of us, etc.)
  - Is God dependable?
  - Does knowing that God always keeps His promises help you to depend on Him more?
  - What did God promise to Noah and his family after the flood?
  - What sign did He give as a reminder of His promise? (rainbow)
  - Has God kept His promise?
  - What promise is made to us in I John 1:9
  - Is it possible for God not to keep His promises? Why not?
  - How does it make you feel to know that God will always keep His promises to you and loves you no matter what?
  - Are you always faithful to God?
  - In what ways are you faithful to God?
  - In what ways aren’t you faithful to God?
  - FINAL question- In what way would you like to be more faithful to God?

### **Creative Application**

#### Sun Catcher

NOTE: You will need to bring an iron and a towel (or two) to iron on during Kidslot tonight. Please keep children away from the iron and be sure to protect the surface you are working on. Please make sure this is OK with the Host/hostess. If not take children’s sun catcher’s home and iron them there and return to children next week.

Give each child a small paper plate and a piece of waxed paper larger than the plate. Have them trace the plate making a circle on their waxed paper using a permanent marker.

Have children tear pieces of the rainbow colored tissue paper and place them in the circle on the waxed paper wherever they wish. They can make designs with the different colors or just scatter them here and there.

Also give them one of the small pieces of paper that says, "God is Faithful" to lay in their design. They may want to cut around the paper to give it ragged edges also.

Lay a folded towel or two on a table or floor. Place the waxed paper with the tissue pieces on top of the towel. Place another piece of waxed paper on top. This forms a sandwich with the tissue inside. Using a heated iron, press the waxed paper, fusing the 2 pieces together.

Have children cut on the circle and throw the excess waxed paper in the trash. Tell them to take their sun catchers home and tape them on a window to remind them of God's faithfulness.

### **Prayer**

Have children begin their time of prayer thanking God for His faithfulness in loving them, taking care of them, forgiving them and for keeping His promises. Encourage them to pray for each other to be more faithful to God, for any other requests they may have and for their friends who do not yet know Jesus.

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