



## HOOK

Get some sports fan items to decorate the room.

Which is your favourite team or sporting personality?

*Liverpool, Chelsea, Roger Federer etc*

Why do you like them? How do you support them?

What happens when they lose? Do you throw away your posters? Do you stop watching? Do you support another team?

If you are a true fan, you'd be faithful to your team, no matter how good or bad they perform.

But yes, sometimes even the most faithful fan may give up.

Say you are the one in the sports team. You may have many fans. But do you know, even if your fans give up on you, who will never give up on you?

That's right. Your parents will always be your most faithful fans. They will stand with you even when everyone else had turned their backs on you.

Faithfulness is one aspect of the Fruit of the Spirit that we will learn more about today.

Let's repeat **Galatians 5:22-23** together.

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*



Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-25

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# FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: FAITHFULNESS

## STORY: 3 FAITHFUL FRIENDS

Tell the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (Daniel 3).

[http://www.dltk-bible.com/cv/three\\_faithful\\_men-cv.htm](http://www.dltk-bible.com/cv/three_faithful_men-cv.htm)

Who was in the story?

*The king, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego*

“What did the king want everyone to do?” *Bow down to his statue*

“Did everyone do it?”

*No*

“Who didn’t do it?”

*Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego*

“Why didn’t they do it?”

*They were faithful to God*

*(Revision: Commandment #1 + #2)*

What did they tell the king?

*“If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us <sup>[c]</sup> from Your Majesty’s hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.” (Daniel 3:17-18)*

What happened to them?

*They were thrown into a fiery furnace*

“Did they burn up?”

*No. Their hair and clothes were not even touched.*

*Jesus was in the fire with them.*



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## LESSON

### God is faithful

The Bible is full of descriptions of God's faithfulness — He is abounding in it, His faithfulness reaches to the heavens, faithfulness surrounds Him, His faithfulness lasts through generations etc.

God shows His faithfulness in Jesus who was willing to go all the way for us — even to die on the cross for us.

### God is faithful even when we cannot see

Sometimes when we face problems and challenges, we think God has abandoned us. But He is always there.

**2 Thes 3:3** *But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.*

Sometimes God doesn't act the way we want Him to. But that doesn't mean He is unfaithful. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego understood that. That's why they said, "*Even if our God does not deliver us, we will not worship other gods.*"

### God is faithful even when we are unfaithful.

#### 2 Tim 2:13

*if we are faithless,*

*he remains faithful,*

*for he cannot disown himself.*

Yes, we fail. Yes, we fall. Yes, we do bad things and wrong things. But God is faithful and He never changes. His covenant is with Jesus, and Jesus never changes. So our relationship in Him is always secure.

### God is faithful to keep us faithful to Him

And the best thing is, God is the one who keeps us faithful in Him. It's the work of His Holy Spirit who lives in us! God keeps us in His faithfulness. Imagine a young child having to carry a glass of water without spilling a drop. It may seem difficult and challenging or even impossible. But God is like the parent whose hands are also on the cup to prevent it from falling.

#### 1 Corinthians 1:8

*He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**1 Thessalonians 5:24** *The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.*



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## ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

### Songs/Worship:

**Fruit of the Spirit (by Steve Green) — revision**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLJt\\_85MNLY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLJt_85MNLY)

**God is so good/Jesus you are so good**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AoL-PAfx2vg>

**Forever God is Faithful**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uSM96OA39ic>

**What a Faithful God have I**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dH8\\_SKkieJg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dH8_SKkieJg)

### How can we show faithfulness in what we do?

We can be faithful in serving. E.g. the ushers or worship team in church

We can be faithful in worshipping God. E.g. Sing out loud, raise our hands, read the Bible, pray etc even if we don't feel like it sometimes.

We can be faithful in helping others.

Close in prayer.