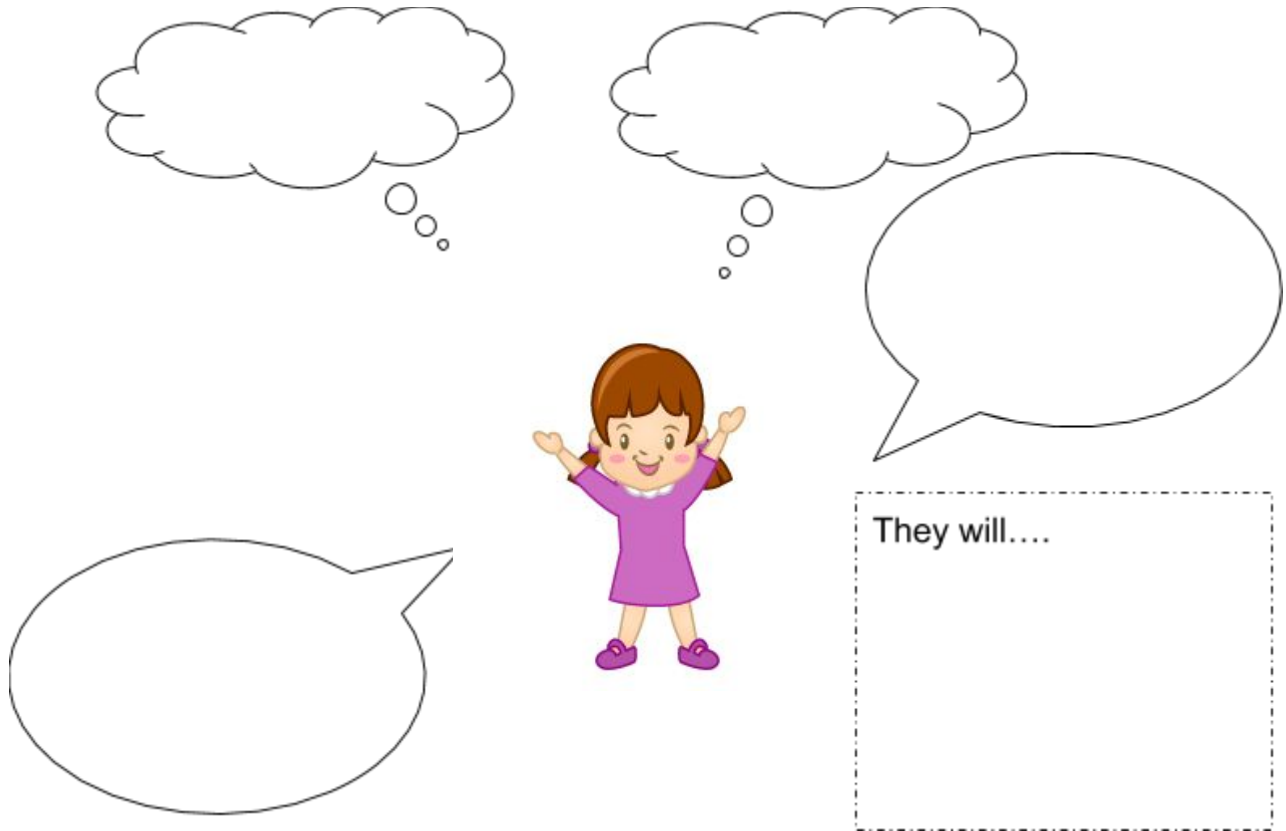


Faithful

Describe a person who is faithful. What do they do, say and think?



Psalm 86:15 (ESV) says,
But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

The scripture says that God is abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
What do you think that this means?

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God abounds with faithfulness! This means it overflows from Him. Think of this as pouring water out of a pitcher. He is so full of faithfulness that it pours out onto His people. This is who our God is and why this verse is repeated so many times in the Bible. God is showing us how important it is that we believe in who He is. Our God is a faithful God! It is only from Him that we learn how to be faithful people.

Who is God's faithfulness for? Read Psalm 100:5 (ESV) and record the missing word.

“For the Lord is good, His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to _____.”

God's faithfulness endures to all generations. This means it is not just for grandparents or your parents. God was faithful to your great, great grandparents, your great grandparents, and is faithful to you, your children, your grandchildren, your great, great grandchildren, and even your great, great, great, great grandchildren! God's faithfulness is for all generations, past, present, and future!

Draw a picture of who God is faithful to below. Include all of the generations.

We know that God’s faithfulness is for all people. But what are we supposed to do with this knowledge? Read the scriptures below and then respond.

Psalm 89:1	1 Samuel 12:24	Psalm 37:3
What does this verse tell us to do?	How do we show faithfulness to God?	What do you think that it means to “befriend” faithfulness?

When you make a new friend, you have to spend time and energy making the friendship grow. You have to *cultivate* a friendship, like you would grow a plant. We are to cultivate faithfulness within ourselves. This means intentionally being faithful to your family, your friends, and to our God. This

also means praying for faithfulness to overflow in your heart, studying faithfulness in Scripture, and getting to know our faithful God who is our only perfect example of faithfulness!

Think about this: A young girl stops talking to her friend. She stops spending time with her entirely. At school, she talks badly and lies about her friend whom she used to love. She ignores her, betrays her, and is completely unfaithful to her. What would you do if this were your friend?

Write out Romans 3:3-4.

What is God’s response to us when we are unfaithful? He is still faithful! No matter what we do, our God will always be faithful to us as His people, just as we would never stop supporting our favorite team. He will always keep His Word; His promises will never be broken. If we are to follow God’s example of faithfulness, how should we respond to an unfaithful friend?

Look back at what you wrote at the beginning of this lesson about what a faithful person is like. Is there anything you'd like to add? Go back and add to your ideas. Does that describe you? If we were to know everything you did and said this last week, would your life show that you are faithful to our God? Are you faithful to your family, your friends? Or are you unfaithful?

Even if your life is now showing you to be an unfaithful person, you have great hope! Christ died so that we may know God. As we know God more and more, we are able to become more like Him. We begin to display the Fruit of the Spirit in our lives. If you are not displaying faithfulness yet, keep spending time with our faithful God! He will change you and form you into a person of great faithfulness, faithfulness to Him and faithfulness to others! And no matter how unfaithful we are to God, His faithfulness towards you will never ever change. He is always faithful! Everything He says, He will do. Every promise He makes, He will keep.

This week I challenge you to memorize 1 Samuel 12:24. Write out the verse below:
