



Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for July 25, 2010
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"God Is Faithful to Us"

Lesson Text: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-15

Background Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3

Memory Verse: "The Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil" (2 Thessalonians 3:3).

2 Thessalonians 3:1-15

1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:

2 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

4 And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you.

5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

7 For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;

8 Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labor and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:

9 Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.

10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

15 Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

TEACHER'S NOTES

Every lesson can be used to remind the children of one or more of God's beautiful attributes, and this one is no exception. It zeroes in on His absolute dependability.

We can depend on what God says because of who He is. Truthfulness, righteousness, and justice are imbedded in His character. He will not lie. He will not mislead. He will not fail. He will not change.

Teaching this lesson will surely produce in the teacher a surge of gratitude and joy that our heavenly Father is what He is. And what a joy it is to introduce the children to another of His delightful qualities!

THE OBJECT IN VIEW

Teach that we can count on God to always do what He has promised.

TRUTHS TO STRESS

1. The Lord can be counted on because He never lies.
2. The Lord can be counted on to make us strong to do what is right.
3. The Lord can be counted on to keep the unhappy experiences that come to us from doing us harm.

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS

For Beginning the Lesson, make a flash card with "God Is Faithful."

For Telling the Lesson, find pictures of Paul, a first-century crowd, a Roman galley (or stormy sea), and a small group of biblical people. Use the "God Is Faithful" flash card again.

For Helping to Remember, provide for each student crayons, safety scissors (blunt tip), and a half sheet of yellow or gray construction paper. Make a sample craft.

Also hand out "Word Search" puzzle located at the end of lesson.

BEGINNING THE LESSON

How many of you can count to ten? Everybody. Who can count to one hundred? Good. That is one kind of counting. But there is another kind.

Patti's father said to her mother, "Who will teach your Sunday school class while we are on vacation?"

"Mrs. Cory," Mom said. "She said she would teach for me whenever we are away; so I am counting on her."

That sounded kind of funny to Patti. "Why do you need to count Mrs. Cory? She is just one lady."

Mom smiled. "To count on people means to believe they will do what they said they would do. You do not look for somebody else to do it."

"It is like getting our sins taken away, Patti," Dad explained. "We count on Jesus to do it; so we do not try to get rid of our sins any other way."

Now Patti smiled. She said, "I like that."

The Bible says people you can count on are "faithful." Those people always do just what they say they will do. The Lord is like that. (Show "God Is Faithful.") He is faithful; so you can trust Him.

TELLING THE LESSON

The Apostle Paul was nearly at the end of his letter to the Thessalonians. (Show Paul.) He said he had been asking God to help them. Now he asked them to pray for him. Paul was traveling around telling the news of Jesus. He said to ask God to make that news go everywhere. Ask Him to help many people believe it. And ask Him to keep Paul safe from all those men who wanted to stop him from telling anyone else. (Show crowd.)

"There are people like that around," Paul said. "But you can count on the Lord to help you. He is faithful. (Point to "God Is Faithful.") He will make you strong to keep doing what is right." God would also be like a soldier's shield for them, keeping them from being hurt when bad things happened.

Were there people around who did not want the Thessalonians to talk about Jesus? Yes. (Show crowd.) Might those people make trouble? Yes. Did the Thessalonians need to worry? No.

You see, Jesus' people never have to be strong by themselves. They can count on the Lord to do that for them and to take care of them too. And when God says He will do something, He will. God is faithful. (Point to "God Is Faithful.")

One time Paul was in a ship when a great storm came (Acts 27:20-25). (Show ship or storm.) The wind blew. The waves crashed. The ship tipped. Everybody was afraid.

Paul said, "Cheer up, men. God's angel told me we all will be saved. And I believe it will happen just as God has said." Everyone did get safely to land, for when God promises to do something, we can count on Him to do it. God cannot lie. He is always faithful. (Point to "God Is Faithful.")

Paul had just a few more things to say. First, he said he was asking God to help them wait happily for Jesus, knowing He was coming again.

Then he said he had heard some of them were not doing what was right. (Show small group.) Some were not working. They wanted others to take care of them. Paul said those men should get jobs and pay for their own food.

Paul finished his letter by saying, "The Lord be with you all." We can be sure He was with them to help them and to protect them like a shield, for God is faithful. (Point to "God Is Faithful.")

TELLING HOW TO LIVE

Boys and girls, never forget that you too can always count on God's doing just what He says He will do. That is the kind of God He is.

HELPING TO REMEMBER

Tell the class they will make a Roman soldier's shield to remind them of God's help and protection, which they can count on. With the paper vertical, have them cut off all four corners to make the shape of a kite. Then print on the shield "The Lord Is Faithful." Color an outline or stripes if desired.

EXPLAINING THE GOLDEN TEXT

"The Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil" (2 Thessalonians 3:3).

"The Lord is faithful" means God will do everything He says He will do. That is because God never lies. He will make you strong to stay on the way you should be going (God's way). That is what "stablish" means. He will guard you so that you will not be hurt by bad things that may come into your life.

CONCLUSION

Lead children to know what it means to be faithful. And encourage them to be faithful to others because God is pleased with that. Lead them also to understand how God is faithful to them.

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, thank You for Your faithfulness. You never disappoint us because You never lie to us, and will fulfill Your every word. We thank You for this delightful quality, in Jesus' name, Amen.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON

Next week's lesson is "**Stand Firm in Trouble**" Study Philipians 1:18-29. Paul wrote the Philipians while he was imprisoned. He encouraged them to live lives that were guided by the gospel.

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WORD SEARCH

"God Is Faithful to Us" (2 Thessalonians 3:1-15)

D K S H F D T C D B B U V J H
N I R Y E Y O F E R U A S O W
N S S K A M Z A M E S T R O M
I N C O M R M B A A Y D R T X
L I G A R X P J H D B K S M G
W R N I Y D T Z S L O K E E P
X D E N E M E A A O D H B W Y
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B C C E Q I R R I D R U N O M
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P I A D H U F X D Y T S W O T

ASHAMED
BUSYBODIES
EAT
FOLLOW
LORD
PATIENT
WICKED

BREAD
COMMAND
ENEMY
JESUS
LOVE
PRAY
WORD

BROTHER
DISORDERLY
EVIL
KEEP
MEN
WEARY
WORK

21 words were placed into the puzzle.

WORD SEARCH SOLUTION

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(Over, Down, Direction)

ASHAMED (9, 7, N)

BREAD (10, 1, S)

BROTHER (8, 12, NW)

BUSYBODIES (11, 1, S)

COMMAND (8, 1, SW)

DISORDERLY (1, 1, SE)

EAT (4, 14, NW)

ENEMY (15, 14, W)

EVIL (4, 13, NE)

FOLLOW (5, 14, E)

JESUS (9, 8, SE)

KEEP (12, 6, E)

LORD (14, 12, N)

LOVE (10, 6, S)

MEN (6, 7, W)

PATIENT (7, 9, W)

PRAY (7, 5, NW)

WEARY (5, 10, SW)

WICKED (1, 6, NE)

WORD (7, 8, SE)

WORK (15, 2, SW)