

CALL to FAITH

GRADE Four
CHAPTER Two
God is Faithful

Objectives

- Recognize the ways God is faithful to those he has created
- Understand God's promises to Abram
- Understand the words covenant, faithful
- Explore ways to be faithful to God

Step 1: Invite: Name your personal experience, pp.49-50

- Together, pray the prayer on p. 49
- Discuss the last time you had to trust someone, what was it like? How did it feel? Did the person show they could be trusted?
- Was there ever a time when your word could not be trusted...when you lied? Did that cause any problems in the family? Did it hurt anyone?
- Read the story about Adam and Eve on p. 50 and answer these questions
 - o Did God trust Adam and Eve? How can you tell?
 - o Did Adam and Eve show that they deserved God's trust? How can you tell?
 - o Why did Adam and Eve choose to believe Satan and not God?
 - o What happened when Adam and Eve destroyed God's trust in them?

Step 2: Explore: Understand the meaning of God's Word and Teaching, pp.51-53

- How would you describe original sin? Look on p. 51 for a good description.
- Reading the story on pg. 51, how can you tell that God still loved Adam and Eve even though he sent them away from the Garden?
- Draw a picture of the faces of Adam and Eve when they were enjoying friendship with God in the garden. Draw a picture of them after they lied to God and lost God's trust. Which face would you rather have?
- Discuss the proof of God's faithfulness to Adam and Eve as well as the times you can see that God has been faithful to you.
- Look on pg. 53 and find the definition of the words covenant and faithful. Talk about a story that shows when someone in your family has made a sacred covenant and kept it.
- Is there anyone that you have ever been loyal to, even when it was hard? Tell about that.
- Read the story of Abram, p. 52-53 and how his loyalty to God and God's faithfulness to him resulted in his name changing to Abraham.
- Discuss the hard thing God asked Abraham to do to show his loyalty to God. Did Abraham have a choice? Why do you think Abraham was ready to sacrifice the life of his son, for God? How are Abraham and Sarah different from Adam and Eve?
- Is there something hard that you think God might be asking of you to show you are faithful? Share it with your family.

- Draw a picture of one thing you can do to show you are faithful to God.

Step 3: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- On a colorful piece of paper, or a paper that you color in, write the words that describe how each member of the family can be faithful to their sacred agreement with God.
- When the Covenant poster is done, gather together, hold hands and pray the following prayer.
 - o Loving God, help us to stay faithful to our sacred agreement, just as you are faithful to us. Amen.

Faith Activities: Tips

- Throughout each chapter, there will be sections marked “Activity.”
- Feel free to choose as many activities as you wish to share with your family. At a minimum, choose one activity above and beyond what might be mentioned in Steps 1-3.
- Follow the directions for the activity, share popcorn or a treat, relax and enjoy it.
- Post any artwork until the next lesson and then use the next chapter’s activity to take its place.