

LESSON 4

GOD'S LOVE ENDURES FOREVER

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: God's Love Is Faithful

SCRIPTURE: [Psalm 103](#); [136](#)

GOD'S BIG STORY: [Psalms 103](#) and [136](#) express deep gratitude to God for His faithful love—His compassion, grace, patience, and presence. These songs help God's people remember who God is and that His faithful love goes on forever!

WORD OF WONDER: How God made me is amazing and wonderful. —from [Psalm 139:14](#)

FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS

WHO?

[Psalm 103](#) is attributed to David, but [Psalm 136](#) doesn't list an author. Yet the main "who" of both of these psalms is God—He is praised and extolled for His great works throughout these praise songs.

WHAT?

[Psalms 103](#) and [136](#) spend the majority of the song poems praising God for His goodness, faithfulness, and compassion. Psalm 136 is likely a praise song with a worship leader reciting truths about God and the congregation responding with "His love endures forever!"

WHERE?

Both [Psalms 103](#) and [136](#) talk about the exodus from Egypt, where God's people were enslaved by the pharaoh. God stepped in and rescued His people from their slavery, sending signs and wonders and parting the Red Sea!

WHEN?

[Psalm 136](#) is the final psalm in the "song of ascents" or the "Great Hallel." People likely sang them as they walked up to Jerusalem during the great yearly feasts of Tabernacles, Passover, and Pentecost. These psalms would remind them of God's faithfulness.

CONNECTING TO GOD'S BIG STORY

God is always faithful. He doesn't treat us as our sins deserve—He forgives us and keeps His promises. Long after the psalms were written, God showed His faithful love by sending Jesus. As Paul writes, "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" ([Romans 5:8](#)).

Play Stations

Greet the kids warmly and briefly explain the play stations to them. Invite them to play at any of the stations.

Welcome to church! While we're getting ready to start, you can play at any of these stations to help you get ready for our lesson today. Do you have any ideas about what we'll be learning today?

Play Station: Ring Toss

Set up: Set out rings or hoops and something for the kids to toss them onto (such as cones, tall cups, or toys).

Play: Invite the kids to toss the rings or hoops onto the ring toss items. As they play, talk with them about how gravity always pulls the rings or hoops down when they are tossed up—we can count on it every time. This reminds us of how we can trust and count on God's love. The hoops have no beginning or end, just like God's love.

Play Station: Praise Pictures

Set up: Set out whiteboards and dry-erase markers (or chalkboards and chalk).

Play: Encourage the kids to draw pictures either of themselves praising God or the reasons they can praise God.

Play Station: God's Love Endures Forever Coloring Sheet

Set up: Ahead of time, print a copy of the coloring sheet for each kid and set out coloring utensils.

Play: Let the kids color. The kids can also turn the sheets over and draw hearts or put heart-shaped stickers on the back.

Faith

Craft: Praise Plates

SUPPLIES

Ahead of time, make one copy per kid of the Forever Love Plate Sheet and cut out the circles on the sheets.

We learned today that long ago, God took care of His people and helped them. He rescued them from danger. God never forgot them. He helped them and loved them. God led His people and kept them safe. He does that for us too. God loves u, His love is faithful. That means it never stops, and we can trust it. His faithful love endures forever—like a circle that doesn't have an end. Let's make a craft to remind us of God's enduring love.

Give each kid a disposable plate, coloring utensils, and a Forever Love Plate Sheet. Encourage them to decorate the picture and glue it onto their plate.

We're learning that God's faithful love endures forever, which means it goes on and on. This plate reminds us that God's love goes on

forever. He is faithful, and we can always count on Him! Take your praise plate home as a reminder that we can always praise God for His faithful love.



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Prayer and Blessing

After the kids finish their activity, pray with them, thanking God for His amazing love.

God, Your love is faithful. You are faithful in all ways, at all times, to all people. Help us love You with our whole hearts. Help us see You in our lives and help us reflect Your love to others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands are open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: God loves you, and nothing can take that love away. Now and forever, feel safe in that love. Let it sink deeply into your heart and be with you every day, no matter what. God's love is faithful—forever and always.

Closing Activity: Hoop Toss

We're learning today that God's love is faithful, and we can thank Him for everything He has done. We should say, "Thank You, God!" When we learn about God's love, we can also share that love with other people.

We can be thankful to God. We can trust God and thank Him because His love is faithful. The hoop reminds us of how God's love never ends. Let's play a game with the hoop and remember God's faithful love.

Lay the large plastic hoop on the ground (or have someone hold it parallel with the floor). Let the kids stand a few feet away and toss small balls into the hoop. Each time they get one in or through the hoop, encourage them to shout, "God's faithful love endures forever!"

Remember, God's love endures forever. That means it never ends. We can celebrate God's love every day.