

SMALL GROUP

TODAY'S WONDER TRUTH: GOD'S LOVE IS FAITHFUL



WORD OF WONDER:

For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my
mother's womb. I praise you
because I am fearfully and
wonderfully made; your works are
wonderful, I know that full well.
- Psalm 139:13-14

GOD'S BIG STORY:

God's Love
Endures Forever
(Psalm 103:8,
136:1-9, 11-14, 26)

POST-LARGE GROUP QUESTIONS:

- Psalm 103:8 says God is kind. Then in Psalm 136, the writer says God is good. What do you think it means to be kind? What does it mean to be good?
- How is God good or kind to you?
- The writer of Psalm 136 tells about the great things God has done. What are some of the great things he tells about? *(Possible answers: God created everything—the heavens, earth, sun, moon, stars; God rescued His people; God sent plagues to Egypt; God parted the Red Sea.)*
- What's something God has done that you think is great?
- God loves you. How do you feel about God?
- David wrote Psalm 103 to share that God is loving and wonderful. How do you share about God's love?

Welcome Question

- Ahead of time, create a sign that reads, "Faithfulness Wall." Encourage kids to draw a picture of a faithful person or thing they can always depend on, then tape their pictures to the wall near your "Faithfulness Wall" sign.
- **Who or what can you always depend on?**
- **When a person or thing is faithful, we know we can count that person or thing every time. Today we'll discover something that certainly belongs on our Faithfulness Wall.**

Curiosity Questions

- How do you know you can depend on a person or thing? What do they do that shows you they are faithful?
- Would you describe God as faithful? Why or why not?

Curiosity Activity: What Goes Up!

- Give one clean, rolled-up sock to each kid.
- **If part of being faithful is always showing up and being constant, we can consider gravity faithful. Or can we? Let's do an experiment to see if gravity should be listed on our Faithfulness Wall.**
- Tell kids that they'll be seeing if gravity is doing its job in your room. Ask kids to spread out and then, at your direction, toss their socks in the air in a variety of ways. After each experiment, kids will pick up their socks and get ready for the next test. Ways to launch socks skyward could include throwing a sock and catching it with both hands/left hand only/right hand only, catching socks behind their backs, doing three jumping jacks before catching their socks, and tossing their socks and then catching them from a seated position.
- Wrap up the game by having kids toss their socks high and catch a different sock than they tossed.
- Collect all socks, gather kids, and continue. **Here, at least, gravity seems to be faithful and always constant. Gravity is a force that pulls things down. Because of gravity, what went up came down. But is there somewhere gravity can't be counted on to bring our socks back down? Allow kids to share their ideas. Many kids may say, "outer space." The bigger something is—like the earth—the stronger the pull of gravity. So maybe we can't count on gravity being faithful everywhere! But good news: God's love is faithful— everywhere. You can count on God's love—always!**
- Our Wonder Truth today is **GOD'S LOVE IS FAITHFUL**.

Word of Wonder Activity

- **In the Word of Wonder for the Wonderfully Made series, David—who was a shepherd, king, and poet—talks about the amazing way God created each one of us! Let's say the verse together. Open your Bible to [Psalm 139:13–14](#). Read [Psalm 139:13–14](#) together.**
- Invite your small group to create movements, or choreography, for the various phrases in today's Word of Wonder. Movement and emotion help cement memory—this activity helps kids to do both!
- Start by reading [Psalm 139:13–14](#) aloud three times. Then work on the movements and rehearse them at least eight times. Kids will do movements as you read the passage, so they don't need to learn the words, just the movements. (Don't worry: The movements will help kids learn the Word of Wonder and make it stick!)
- After each small group has the movements nailed, invite them to team up with another small group and compare how each group put the words to memorable movements and how their faces show emotion. If all the kids in your ministry are together in one group, invite them to share their movements with the leaders.

Responding in Worship: Faithful Love Comics

- Today we learned from the book of Psalms that God’s love is both faithful and forever. That means He loves you today, not just in the past or some distant future. And that He will continue to love you forever, no matter what! Let’s spend some time responding to Bible verses that describe God’s faithful love by creating comic strips.
- Give each kid a copy of the Faithful Love Comic Sheet and set out coloring utensils. Each box on the sheet includes a caption that comes from Psalm 103 or 136. Read the caption next to the first box and invite kids to draw a picture of what they imagine as they listen to the verse. After about one minute, read the next caption as kids draw a picture in the second box. Continue through all seven captions, giving kids time to draw each one.
- For your reference, the seven captions are these verses from Psalms: 103:8; 136:3; 136:6; 136:8–9; 136:11, 13; 136:26.
- When kids are finished, invite them to share their drawings with one another.

SMALL GROUP PRAYER

God’s love for you will never end—it’s faithful no matter what! Let’s talk with God in prayer now and thank Him for His love.

Invite kids to go to the Faithfulness Wall (from Curiosity) and to place a hand on their drawing. Ask kids to thank God for what they drew, but to also praise God for being greater and far more faithful. Then invite kids to form pairs and pray for one another’s coming week.