

## **Be Faithful**

**Text:** Hebrews – 3:1-6

Other Scripture References: II Thess. 2:13-14; Ex. 3:1-6; II Tim. 3:16-17; Rom. 10:17; Gal. 3:26-29; 6:16, Eph. 5:30, Heb. 2:17

### **Memory Work:**

**Younger Children:** Hebrews 3:2 “Christ was faithful to God who appointed Him.”

**Older Children:** Hebrews 3:2, “Christ who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house.”

**Memory Work Scroll:** buy scroll paper or print a scroll from the internet for each student. Have the children write the memory verse, from memory, on the scroll. Post the scroll on the wall under words “These were more noble.” Do this with each memory verse in the quarter. Be sure to discuss that memorizing Scripture is more noble than most of other things they could be doing with their time.

### **Songs:**

#### **Faith is the Victory**

Encamped along the hills of light, Ye Christian soldiers, rise,  
And press the battle ere the night Shell veil the glowing skies.  
Against the foe in vales below Let all our strength be hurled.  
Faith is the victory, we know. That overcomes the world.

Faith is the victory! Faith is the victory!  
O glorious victory that overcomes the world.  
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#### **Faith of our Fathers**

Faith of our Fathers! Living still, In spite of dungeon, fire, and swords.  
O how our hearts beat high with joy. When e’er we hear that glorious word.

Faith of our Fathers, holy faith! We will be true to Thee till death!  
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#### **Faithful Love - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4wdWoIa5VdM> (1:17)**

Faithful love flowing down from the thorn covered crown,  
Makes me whole, saves my sold, washes whiter than snow.  
Faithful love calms each fear, reaches down, dries each tear;  
Holds my hand when I can’t stand on my own.

Faithful love from above came to

Earth to show the Father's love. And I'll never be the  
Same, for I've seen faithful love face to face,  
And Jesus is His name. And I'll never be the same,  
And Jesus is His name.

### Lesson Starts Here

Was Jesus faithful? Yes! He was faithful to the one who appointed him who was (God).

- Name some ways that Christ was faithful to God.
  - Faithful means – being true, trusting, steadfast, loyal.
    - Let kids Answer:
    - Teaching God's message – (Matt. 4:17)
    - Obedient even to death (Phil. 2:8)
    - Loving others
    - Helping others
    - Etc.

Today we are going to look at Hebrews chapter 3: 1-6 and find out how the writer compared Moses to Jesus.

(Remember that the writer of Hebrews is writing to the Jewish audience who would know the OT)

1. Both Moses and Jesus were sent on special missions by God so both have been referred to as God's apostles. Ex. 3:10. Jesus was also a High Priest. Heb. 2:17
2. Jesus was faithful to Him (God) who appointed Him just as Moses also in all His (God) house. Jesus was counted worthy of more glory than Moses even though Moses was faithful in all His house but as a servant for a testimony of things to be spoken later, whereas Jesus was faithful as a Son over His house- whose house we are if we hold fast our faith and hope in Jesus until the end. Gal. 3:26-29 and 6:16 states that one who is baptized into Christ becomes by faith, a part of Christ and a part of Abraham's seed.
3. Jesus House – Family of God (church over which Christ rules). Christ is the head of the church and we are members of His body, of His flesh and His bones. Eph. 5:30.

### Activity:

- Make two columns on the board. One side that says Moses, the other Jesus. Take the list below and put under the one that it would apply to. You can print word and put them on the board underneath or just write on board.
  - Words to use: Faithful, Servant, Apostle (one sent), Prophet, Leader, Messenger, Glory, Appointed, Hope Builder, More Honor, More Glory

<u>Moses</u>	<u>Christ</u>
Faithful	Faithful
Servant	Servant

Apostle  
Prophet  
Leader  
Messenger  
Glory  
Appointed  
Hope

Apostle  
Prophet  
Leader  
Messenger  
Glory  
Appointed  
Hope  
Builder  
More Honor  
More Glory

### **Application**

Moses was in God's house but Jesus is over God's house. As young kids, you are a part of your house, but your parents are over your house. They have responsibilities as parents to take care of the household.

Our calling comes to us through the gospel, and by it we obtain the "glory of our Lord Jesus Christ". II Thess. 2:13, 14. Moses received a direct calling from God at the burning bush. Ex. 3:1-6.

The bible fully provides our needs and equips the man of God in every way for the work of preaching. II Tim. 3:16, 17.

It is the gospel that brings salvation through faith, when heard, heeded, and obeyed. Rom. 10:17. Therefore we must be faithful until death.

### **Activities:**

Write key words from the lesson on index cards (examples Faithful, worthy, house, apostle, builder, gospel, Jesus, Moses, God, Burning Bush etc.) Let the children take turns choosing a card and telling the significance of that word to the lesson.

End with a Prayer

### **Extra thoughts for Sunday or Wednesday Class:**

#### **Read: Heb. 3:7-11**

- Reference & Read: Psalm 95:7b – 11

#### **Questions:**

1. Who is the passage talking about? (Israel)

2. What did they do when God delivered them from Egyptian Oppression? (Build and idol, turned away, rebelled and did not follow God)
3. What was God's reaction to the generation who rebelled? (Angry v.10)
4. If they say away from God, what is the result v. 11? (Not Enter God's Rest)

### Read Hebrews 3:12-15

- Beware = Take Heed, this is a warning, pay attention.
  - Unbelief = evil heart = Depart from living God.
    - (Side Note) If you struggle with unbelief does not mean that you have an evil heart.
    - If you know God and His word and choose not be obedient or believe His word = evil heart.
  - If you don't believe then you won't do what is asked of you. If you don't walk as God has called you then you are departing from Him.

What can we do to help each other in our belief?

- Exhort - "to call to one's side" to call to help or aid, comfort, beseech, instruct, teach, encourage!"
  - Name a few ways we can do this.
- How often should we exhort each other?
  - Daily
    - Why do you think?
      - V. 13 – so we don't become harden, through deceitfulness of sin.
      - *Example:* Hot Glue hardens quickly after you pull the trigger. If you don't act fast it will harden too quickly to be of any good.
- **Activity: Web of Encouragement** (material: yarn or string)
  - Have kids sit in a circle. Give to 1 student and they hold to the end of string. Have them toss the string to another student in the group not right beside them. They must say something encouraging or something they like/ appreciate about that person. That person must hold the string and throw to another person in the group not right beside them saying something kind/nice/ encouraging to them, & this continues until everyone had had a turn and you decide to stop, or you can keep going until you use all string. This will make a spider web effect.
    - Thought: As this string connects us all together, Christ connects us all together too. Make sure that we are encouraging one another in our Christian walk.

V.14 – Why do we exhort...

- because we have become partakers of Christ. (Refer back to Heb. 3:1)

\* Also refer to Eph. 1:3-14 of the blessing that partakers have in Christ.

### **Read Hebrews 3:16-19**

- 2 Questions Asked:
- Question 1: “Who, having heard, rebelled?” -
  - o What is the answer? V.16,17
- Question 2: “Who would not enter God’s rest?”
  - o Answer: “Those who did not obey” = “those who had unbelief”

### **How do we harden our hearts?**

- (Let kids answer - quit obeying, quit believing, quit taking God seriously, etc)

### **How can we soften our hearts?**

- (Reflect on what Christ did for us, Notice how God loves us; Get in the word; learn from those who went before us, etc)

### **Thrust of the Lesson:**

Continue in your obedience through faith to God

Don’t be unbelieving but believing which means obedient

Don’t harden your heart

## **Wednesday Evening**

### **Review Sunday morning lesson and review memory verse**

### **Race to the Finish Line**

If you have a whiteboard or chalkboard in your classroom, this game is an easy one to do. Draw two “racetracks” on the board by drawing two rows of dashes. Either draw stick figures at the beginning of each track, or stick paper cut-outs on the tracks with sticky-tack. Split the class into teams, and alternate asking the teams questions. As each team answers questions, move their “racers” along the racetrack. If a team misses a question, let the other team try. Whichever racer reaches the finish line first, wins!

### **Jeopardy Bag**

Write point values on slips of paper and put them in an opaque bag (or fold the pieces of paper in half in a clear bag). Make a “frowny face” card and a “smiley face” card. Split the class into two teams, and begin asking review questions. You can make this a free-for-all, by asking children to raise their hands, or you can make it more orderly by having teams take turns and working your way through an established line-up within each team. As children answer questions correctly, have them draw cards out of the bag. The team then gets as many points as indicated on the card. If a team draws the frowny face, it loses all its points. If it draws the smiley face, its points are doubled. Keep track of the points on the board.

### **Questions and Answers**

1. Where is God? In Heaven
2. Who is God’s Son and where is he now? Jesus and he is in Heaven sitting at the right hand of God
3. Who created the heavens and the earth? God the father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit
4. What did God do on the seventh day? Rested
5. Who build the Ark? Noah
6. How many people were saved? 8
7. Who lead the Israelites out of Egypt? Moses
8. How did they cross the Red Sea? On dry land
9. How many years were they in the wilderness? 40
10. Who was Jacob’s favorite son and what did he give him? Joseph and coat of many colors
11. What was Abraham’s son name? Isaac
12. How did God lead the Israelites in the Wilderness by day and then by night? Cloud then fire of cloud
13. Who was Jesus earthly father and Mother? Joseph and Mary
14. How did Jesus die? On the cross
15. What day of the week do Christians come to worship God? Sunday
16. How do we become a Christian? Be baptized
17. What do we do in worship service? Preach, pray, sing, communion, give
18. What day in the middle of the week do we have bible study? Wednesday
19. Who are the Elders at Westhill? Don Ivy, Percell Milton, Paul Stewart
20. Who are the ministers at Westhill? Anthony Warnes, Brandon Watson, Tim Cooke,
21. William Garcia

# **Key Word Cards**

**Faithful**

**Worthy**

**House**

**Apostle**

**Builder**

**Gospel**

**Jesus**

**Moses**

**God**

**Burning Bush**

**Scroll for Memory Verse:**

