

THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

A study for children on the nature and character of God



Family Discipleship Resource

Key Point: God is faithful. He always does what He says he will do.

This fall in Northway Kids we are learning about the attributes of God. This week we learned that God is faithful. He always does what He says He will do. We looked at the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham in the birth of Isaac from Genesis 21.

Capture discipleship moments: After dinner one evening, talk through the questions below. Anytime we open the Bible and talk about God, we need to pray and ask Him to help us because only God can teach our hearts. Pray with your family for God to give understanding and belief.

1. What attribute of God did you learn about this week?
God is faithful.
2. What does it mean for God to be faithful?
God always does what He says He will do.

Open to and read Genesis 21:1-3

The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac.

3. Was God faithful? Did He do what He said He would? How do you know?
Yes. He said they would have a son, and He gave them a son.
4. Were Abraham and Sarah young or old when Isaac was born?
Old. Abraham was 100 and Sarah was 90 years old.
5. Do people usually have children when they are that old? No.
6. Did Abraham and Sarah have to wait for Isaac to be born or did God keep His promise right away? They had to wait.
7. How long did they have to wait? Like a day or two? A long time – around 25 years!
8. Do you think they wanted to wait? Probably not.
9. Do you think God made Abraham and Sarah wait for Isaac because He was mad at them? No.
10. Do you think that God forgot?
No. He was just keeping His promise the way that He knew was best.
11. Why do you think God waited 25 years before giving them a son?
God is wise. He knows what is best and does what is best when it is best. God wanted them to trust that He would be faithful.
12. What did Abraham and Sarah believe about God's faithfulness?
They believed and trusted that God was faithful. They believed He would keep His promise of giving them a son.
13. What are some reasons people struggle to believe that God is faithful? Are any of those true for you?

14. Have you ever made a promise that you didn't keep?
15. Does God ever break His promises? Let's find out by looking at 1 Corinthians 10:13

Open to and read 1 Corinthians 10:13.

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

16. What word is used to describe God in this verse? **Faithful.**
17. What does it mean that God is faithful?
It means that God keeps His word. What He says He will do, He does.
18. How is that different from us and from other people we know?
People are not always or perfectly faithful to do what they say they will. God is always faithful. He does what He says He will do.
19. Can we trust God to keep His promises? How do we know that He will be faithful?
Yes, we can trust Him because He is unchanging. He has always been faithful, so we know that He will always be faithful in the future. Reading about God's faithfulness to Abraham should give us confidence that He will continue to do what He says He will do.
20. What are some promises we know God has made to His children? Make a list of as many as you can think of. *Hint: One is listed in this verse.*
Some examples: He will always be with them; Jesus will return; those who love and trust Jesus will have eternal life; He will give help in time of need; nothing can separate them from His love; He will make them look more like Jesus; to protect the faith of His children until the end.

*****Additional passages for study: Read Psalm 145:8-17 together.**

1. What attributes of God do you see in this passage?
2. What causes you to doubt that God will be faithful to the promises you listed above?
3. How does trusting God's faithfulness help us endure seasons of waiting?
4. As a family, how can we encourage one another to trust that God will always be faithful?

Create discipleship time: Recap by asking your kids what they learned, as they **color their Faithful Attribute Sign** for your Attribute Wall at home.

1. What is one thing you learned about God today?
God was faithful to keep all the promises He made to Abraham.
2. What is one thing you learned about yourself today?
I can trust God to always be faithful to what He has said.

Pray together as a family. Praise God because He is faithful. He always does what He says He will do. **Thank** God that He always keeps His promises perfectly. **Confess** to God times you don't trust God's faithfulness because His timing is different than what you expect or want. **Ask God** to help you trust Him that He is faithful to all His promises.