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Look up and read your memory verse, Deuteronomy 7:9, in your Bible.

Psalm 36:5 tells us that God's faithfulness reaches to the skies. When David wrote that verse, he was saying that God's faithfulness went on and on and is so big it can't be measured. Even though scientists now would be able to measure this, we can all agree that it is a long way!

Look up and read Deuteronomy 7:9 in your Bible and fill in the blanks.

God keeps His _____ and _____

A covenant is a promise. When people keep their promises, we know we can trust them to do what they say they will do. If someone doesn't keep a promise, we know we may not be able to count on that person.

This verse tells us that God is faithful to ALWAYS keep His promises with those who love Him!

You already learned that God is loving and that you can trust Him completely. Since God is perfect in His love for us, we know that He will also be faithful.

But what is it that God is faithful to do for the people who have Jesus as their Savior? Let's find out what the Bible has to say.

Match the verse to the promise of God below.

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| 1 Corinthians 10:13 | We can trust God when we suffer. |
| 1 John 1:9 | God will forgive us. |
| 1 Peter 4:19 | God will help when you are tempted. |

Philippians 1:6 tells us that when you trust Jesus Christ as Savior, He begins to work in your life. God is faithful to help you grow to be more like Jesus until you go to be with Him in heaven. God doesn't just leave you alone and make you do life on your own.

What is one way that you need God to help you be more like Jesus?

Remember, He is faithful to help you when you are tempted, He is faithful to forgive, and He is faithful to help you when you are having a hard time.

Take a minute to stop and remember: God loves you with a perfect love! He is faithful to keep His promises to forgive you and help you!

DEFINITIONS

COVENANT — a promise

FAITHFUL — one who is loyal and keeps his or her promises, able to be trusted

Discussion Questions

These questions are just a few that your small group will talk about. Think about your responses to the following questions.

1. How has God shown you that He is faithful in your life?
2. What can you do in response to God's faithfulness? Is there a way that you can be faithful to Him?

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Look up and read your memory verse,
2 Peter 3:9, in your Bible.

People don't like to wait, but everywhere we go we wait. We wait to get older, we wait to go somewhere special, we wait for school to be over and summer to arrive. We have to be patient. It can be hard to wait, but sometimes the wait and patience are worth it.

God doesn't have trouble being patient, but we can appreciate His patience when we think about what patience is like for us.

Read your memory verse again. God is being patient and waiting for something too.

God does not want anyone to . He wants

everyone to come to

God knows that because of our sin we deserve to spend eternity in hell separated from God. But God doesn't want that. He wants everyone to repent.

When you get caught doing something wrong, you may feel bad that you got caught. But God calls us to repent, which means agreeing that you are a sinner and that you need God to save you.

Look up and read 1 Timothy 2:3-4 in your Bible.

How many people does God want to be saved?

God knows that some people will never accept Jesus as Savior, but He wants as many people to be saved as possible before Jesus returns.

Remember, God is eternal. He has no beginning and no ending.

Look up and read 2 Peter 3:8 in your Bible.

In God's time one day = 1,000 years and 1,000 years = one day.

A thousand years is like one day to God! God is never in a hurry, but He is also never late!

God waits to act, not because He can't do it or doesn't want to do it. Instead, God acts when it is the perfect time. One day the waiting will be over, and Jesus will come back.

If God is being patient and giving us time to tell other people that Jesus died for their sin, we should take every chance we get to tell people the good news of Jesus Christ.

Whom do you need to tell about Jesus this week?

Take a minute to think about God's love and patience towards you, and those you know. Now multiply this by how many people there are in the world — that's a lot of people! We are thankful that God is patient!

DEFINITIONS

PATIENT — to endure difficult circumstances without complaint

LONGSUFFERING — patience

PERISH — be destroyed

REPENTANCE — asking God to forgive your sins and choosing to follow God

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These questions are just a few that your small group will talk about. Think about your responses to the following questions.

1. How is God's patience different than our patience?
2. Who in your life needs to hear about Jesus? How could you share Jesus with them?