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# Student Workbook

**YEAR 3**

**Life and Action**  
**Faithfulness**

**Bible Readings**

Genesis 6:9 to 9:1

Matthew 24:36 to 25:30



### Learning Outcomes

At the end of this week you will be able to:

- Locate the theme of faithfulness in the Bible
- Express the theme or story in your own way
- Apply your learning from the story to your own life and community

### Notes from Bible Reading

**Scripture** A word or phrase that stood out to me:

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**Observation** What is happening in this Bible reading?

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**Application** Something that I learned about who I am or how I should live:

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**Prayer** What I would like to say to God, ask of God, or what I think God is saying to me:

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**Key Question** What does the Bible say about faithfulness?

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### Engage

Go around the group and share one thing for each heading that has happened since you last met:

- Plus – What has been good or enjoyable?
- Minus – What has been difficult or painful?
- Interesting – What has been unusual or thought provoking?

They say that “Dogs are man’s best friend because of their loyalty.” Share a story about a loyal pet or your own or someone you’ve heard of.

### Explore – Locate

- *What stood out to you in the Bible readings this week?*
- *What did you find meaningful or significant?*
- *Is there anything that you didn’t understand or found confusing?*
- *Any questions or comments you may have?*

**Read together:** Matthew 24:36-51

The story of Noah is one of working towards a goal with faith.

An old man gets told to build a big boat in the middle of the land. The movie “Evan Almighty” is a humorous but respectful re-telling of the story of Noah.

To build a boat is a huge undertaking, and certainly the setting is that it wouldn’t have been easy for Noah to build this thing without getting a fair amount of flack (criticism, abuse, etc) and opposition and disbelief.

Matthew 24:36-25:30 has some short stories about faithfulness. What sort of qualities is Jesus after? Is it just head knowledge or is He requiring action as well?

**So two big issues to explore:**

- Does God require from us blind faith?
- Or does the Bible keep referring back to tangible evidence of why we should have faith in God?
- Is it enough just to say you believe or does action always need to follow through on those beliefs (James 2:17)?

### Explore – Express

Create and film a 3-minute skit for YouTube about the time Noah was building the ark.

Have some actors play Noah’s friends and neighbours and role play some of the things they would have said to him as well as how Noah might have reacted.

Also include some of Noah’s own private thinking with him talking to either his wife or one of his sons.

**Consider:**

- Does God want us to have blind faith or should our faith be built on something?
- How can we be sure of something we are working towards?
- How do we keep our faith in the midst of opposition and setbacks?
- Is God just interested in people who say believe or act on those beliefs? What does it mean for those who don’t act on those beliefs?
- What ways am I not living like Jesus now and should make changes (even if they are little ones) to be more like him?

### Explore – Integrate

- What small tasks, responsibilities or behaviours do I need to be more faithful about in my life – to ensure I live more like Jesus?
- What do I feel God is calling me to do to honour him more? What action do I need to take in order to realise this?
- Who do I need to talk to about my doubts and motivations in order for me to follow through on what I should be doing?
- How can I ask God for more faith (Mark 9:24)?

### Extend

Discuss with your group the challenges you are tackling. Use the time to ask for any help you might need.

#### **Questions that may be helpful include:**

- What challenges are you working on at the moment?
- Do you need any support or assistance?
- Are there any challenges that you have completed that we need to recognise and celebrate?
- Are there any new challenges that you want to work on?

### Encourage

Tell another student in your group something you value or appreciate about them.

Share one thing you would like to pray for and pray for one another.

Pray for God to show me an area of life I need to show more faithfulness in and act accordingly.

Give thanks for the people around me that help keep my faith alive and well.

Pray that God shows me some of the bigger ways I can bring about his Kingdom on earth and what steps are involved for me to help realise it.