

No Matter What

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for use as

STEP 1



Lesson 10

Focus:

Be faithful to God in all
you do.

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Bible Basis:

Genesis 39:1—41:57

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Memory Verse:

Whatever you do, work at it with all your
heart, as working for the Lord, not for human
masters. —Colossians 3:23

ECHOES Verse

Stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always
give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord.
—1 Corinthians 15:58b

Students will learn what it means to be faithful to God and uncover ways they can be true to Him in every circumstance.

Materials:

☐ Internet access

➤ **What does it mean to be faithful?** (Answers might include: dedicated; loyal; true to your belief or cause; etc.)

➤ **What are some examples of when you've shown faithfulness?** (Answers may include: I'm a loyal friend, I would never betray a friend's trust and I'll stay friends with someone no matter what; I'm dedicated to my baseball team; etc. Students may reference being faithful to God. Acknowledge but do not comment on their responses.)

Remaining faithful and dedicated to people, causes, or jobs is important in life. It lets others know we can be trusted and we won't give up, no matter what comes our way.

Scientists have remained faithful to their research and study of black holes in the universe for the many years. Because of their hard work and dedication to their jobs as scientists, algorithms were developed which revealed to the world the first-ever image of a black hole. From these images, scientists have also learned about the way black holes devour stars. Let's watch a video explaining the science behind this incredible discovery:

Show this clip to your students [3:35; stop at 3:03]:

Supermassive Black Hole Devours Star and Spits It Out!

Breaking: Scientists Discover Black Hole Devouring Star and Creating Unique 'Donut' Shape

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nE9AD1gYXYE>

➤ **The discovery of how black holes devour stars took many years of dedication and hard work from scientists. Do you think they ever wanted to give up on this project? Why or why not?** (Answers will vary.)

➤ **Have you ever experienced a time where you wanted to quit because something was taking too long? Tell us about it.** (Students might mention wanting to drop out of a sports team because it took up all their free time, or wanting to quit band because they weren't the best at playing their instrument, etc. Be sure to prepare your own answer to share.)

Scientists stuck with this project for many years! Can you imagine how many times they may have wondered if they would ever create the right algorithm? Undoubtedly there was a lot of trial and error—they may have thought the hard work was never going to pay off.

Remaining faithful can be hard! If someone disappoints you, or if something is taking too long, it's easy to want to walk away and forget about it. It takes strength of character to stick with something no matter what. Today we're going to talk about an extraordinary example of faithfulness in the life of Joseph.

Additional resources:

<https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/news/nasa-gets-unusually-close-glimpse-of-black-hole-snacking-on-star/>

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/faithful>

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Materials:

- ☐ Printouts of May & June calendars (1 per student; calendar templates [May 2025](#) and [June 2025](#))
- ☐ Pens/pencils
- ☐ Markers/colored pencils
- ☐ Stapler

Before class, print out enough May and June calendars (collate and staple) so that each student has a set. Free printable Calendar templates can be found here: calendar templates [May 2025](#) and [June 2025](#))

If your class is meeting online, email the templates for families to print ahead of time. Invite students to bring the printouts, pens/pencils, and markers/colored pencils to class.

Earlier we learned how Joseph remained faithful to God, no matter what events were thrown his way. His faithfulness to God caused him to become second in command of Egypt. Even when his future may have seemed hopeless, his loyalty never seemed to waiver. He kept his eyes on God instead of his circumstances and because of that was able to save the lives of so many during the famine. Staying true to God no matter the circumstances matters!

Read today's memory verse aloud (Colossians 3:23).

➤ **What does it mean to work at something with all of our heart, working for the Lord and not for others?** (It means we should give it our all doing our best no matter who is watching because we are doing it for the Lord and not to impress others.)

➤ **Can you give some examples of what that might look like in our lives?** (Answers might include: When I do chores around the house, I can work hard knowing I am serving the Lord, not just taking out trash; when my little brother needs help with his homework, I want to do a good job and not be short-tempered with him in order to please the Lord, etc.)

Pass out blank May and June calendars as well as writing utensils to everyone (or invite students to have those items ready at home). Have your preteens fill in the rest of May's calendar with any upcoming events or things they have going on. The events don't have to be official events. Examples may include: family Memorial Day cookout, swimming in the pool, baseball games, tests, school field trips, last day of school, playing with friends, or relaxing in front of the television.

After they've filled in their upcoming events, they should take some time to pray and ask God how He would want them to remain faithful to Him in each of these circumstances. They should ask Him what they can do to bring glory to Him and how they can work with their whole hearts for Him each day.

If time allows, students should then draw emojis and/or picture symbols on their events representing ways they'll choose faithfulness to God. Examples might include a Bible emoji for days they will spend in the Word; the praying hands emoji for prayer time; the happy face emoji for when they plan to cheer their teammates on at their baseball game (no matter the score); the heart emoji because they'll love on their grandparents at the upcoming family cookout, etc.

As students work on their calendars, you may want to play the following music video in the background [4:39]:

Great is Thy Faithfulness-Chris Rice

<https://youtu.be/0k1WhFtVp0o>

When we dedicate our hearts and minds to Jesus, the action part of it begins to flow out of us naturally. By spending time in prayer and in His Word, we'll be strengthened in our love and devotion to God. And just as our verse says, whatever we do, we'll want to work at it for the Lord.

Put your calendar somewhere you'll see regularly, and when you have some quiet time this week, repeat today's activity on your own. Add events as needed. Let God show you how you can work for Him this summer. Let your calendar serve as a reminder to you of all the opportunities you have coming up in which you can show your love and faithfulness. No matter what, let's stay faithful to Him.

Pray to close.

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