

September 23rd, 2026

DAY 1

1. Begin your study time with prayer. Read Numbers 23:19 & Malachi 3:6. What does it mean to be trustworthy?

2. Read Deuteronomy 7:7-9 & Ephesians 2:4-9. Why does the Lord remain faithful to us?

3. Read Lamentations 3:22-23. How can God's faithfulness be "new every morning" even when our circumstances seem hopeless?

4. What are some ways that God meets the Biblical definition of trustworthy compared to the people we rely on in our daily lives?

5. Write out this week's memory verse on a notecard or a piece of paper and post it somewhere you will see often (ex: bathroom mirror, desk, bedroom, backpack, etc).

MEMORY VERSE

"God is not a man,
that He should lie, Nor
a son of man, that He
should repent; Has He
said, and will He not
do it? Or has He
spoken, and will He
not make it good?"

-Numbers 23:19

I'M PRAYING ABOUT:

GOD WITH US

DAY 2

1. Begin your study time with prayer. Read Genesis 15:4-6 & Genesis 21:1-2. What does this show us about God's timing?
2. When has waiting made you doubt the Lord in your life?
3. Read Joshua 21:43-45. After decades of wandering, battles, and struggles, Joshua is reflecting on the fact that "not one of all the good promises that the Lord had made" failed. How can remembering past victories and fulfilled promises anchor our faith?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. God promises to always provide a way to escape temptation. When have you experienced this firsthand?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below.

DAY 3

1. Read 2 Timothy 2:13. How does God's faithfulness and trustworthiness protect us from our own shortcomings and weaknesses?
2. Read 1 John 1:9. Why do you think God has tied forgiveness of our sins directly to His faithfulness?
3. How does reading about God's promises produce hope?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 1:20. No matter how many promises God makes, who do they find their ultimate fulfillment and "Yes" in?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below.

GOD WITH US

DAY 4

1. Read Micah 5:2 & Matthew 2:1-6. There is approximately 700 years between Micah writing this prophecy and the birth of Jesus. Why is this important for helping to prove God's trustworthiness?
2. Read 2 Peter 1:19-21. This apostle calls scripture a "lamp shining in a dark place". Why is Scripture the best thing for believers to rely on?
3. Read Isaiah 53:3-7, Matthew 26:57-63, & Matthew 27:33-42. What details stand out to you between the prophecy and the fulfillment?
4. Read Isaiah 53:3-7 & Acts 8:26-35. Philip came across a man reading the passage from Isaiah hundreds of years after it had been written and only a few years after it had been fulfilled by Jesus! How did God use this prophecy to change the Ethiopian eunuch's life?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below.

DAY 5

1. What are some things you struggle to trust God with?
2. Why do you think you struggle to give up control in these areas?
3. What are some ways you have seen God to be trustworthy in your own life?
4. What are some practical ways you can trust God more moving forward?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below.

September 23rd, 2026 LEADER GUIDE

Weekly Bible Reading Plan

- **2 Peter 1:90-20**
- **Deuteronomy 18:20-22**
- **Genesis 3:15 (The first Promise to save mankind)**
- **2 Corinthians 1:20**
- **Numbers 23:19**
- **Hebrews 11:1**
- **Romans 15:13**

Series Theme Verse

Hebrews 1:1-3 NASB | God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, **2** in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. **3** And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

2 Peter 1:19-20 NASB | So we have the prophetic word *made* more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. **20** But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a *matter* of one's own interpretation, **21** for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Deuteronomy 18:20-22 NASB | But the prophet who speaks a word presumptuously in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or which he speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.' **21** You may say in your heart, 'How will we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?' **22** When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

Genesis 3:15 NASB | And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

2 Corinthians 1:20 NASB | For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us.

Numbers 23:19 NASB | "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

Hebrews 11:1 NASB | Now faith is the assurance of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Romans 15:13 NASB | Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Ice Breaker

Activity: Two Truths and a Lie

Have each student write down two truths about their life and one lie on a piece of paper. In a round-about style, have the students go around the group and share their responses, then have the rest of the group guess which one is the lie. Do this with each person until everyone has shared.

Connection:

The connection is that it is hard to trust what someone says is true. With God, everything He says is 100% true.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What stuck out to you from the message?
2. What is the difference between worldly hope and Godly hope?
3. What are some promises you know about God? List some promises from Scripture. How do God's promises produce hope?
4. How should we respond to God's promises? How do you respond? Be honest.
5. Do you have any prayer requests?

LEADER GUIDE- Jeremy speaking

Hope is a word that often gets thrown around loosely, but if we look closely at what real hope is, we discover that true hope can only come from someone who always fulfills their promises. True hope is a confident expectation that something will come to pass.

Last week, we learned how everything was cursed because of humanity's rebellion against God—the problem we all face. But this week, we see that God had a plan to rescue mankind. He made His intentions clear by delivering many proclamations, called prophecies, through men moved by the Holy Spirit, who wrote them down. Throughout the Old Testament, these prophecies promised that a Savior would come to rescue humanity.

Remarkably, God's promises came true, proving He is faithful and true to His word. These fulfilled promises teach us that God is trustworthy, that we can rely on His word (the Bible), and, most importantly, they give us real hope. This week, we will explore God's faithfulness to His promises concerning the coming of the Messiah (the Savior), as well as other promises God has made. When we look to God's promises, they produce steadfast hope within us.

1. What stuck out to you from the message?

2. What is the difference between worldly hope and Godly hope?

Leader follow up:

It's important to contrast what the world calls hope with what real hope truly is and where it comes from. In our everyday lives, hope is often based on uncertain promises. There are always variables that can interfere with

someone's ability to keep a promise. For example, I might promise my kids something (like ice cream), but unexpected circumstances can arise that prevent me from fulfilling it. Sports teams, like the Lions, might promise their fans a trip to the Super Bowl, but those promises can end in disappointment. Even a close friend might promise to never hurt you, yet life's complexities can lead to broken trust.

We are all too familiar with failed promises and the fragile hope they bring. But with God, things are different. He is not subject to unexpected changes or failures. God never breaks His promises and is always 100% true to everything He says. This is the foundation of real hope—a hope that is confident, unwavering, and anchored in the character of a faithful God. Let the teens contrast the difference in this question.

Worldly hope = is a wish because there is no guarantee that the one making it will follow through.

Godly Hope = is a confident expectation that something will come true when it is promised.

3. What are some promises you know about God? List some promises from Scripture. How do God's promises produce hope?

Leader follow up:

You will probably spend most of your group time on this question. Let the kids think; be careful not to quickly answer the question for them or give them an example right away. When they come up with a promise, and maybe they don't know where it is, take the time as a group to find it in the Bible and talk through it. The purpose of this week is to build on the arrival of Jesus, so putting a heavy emphasis on the gospel proclamation coming true should be paramount. Below is a list of promises.

• **PROMISE OF SALVATION**

- Genesis 3:15 — First gospel prophecy
- Gen 15
- Isaiah 53

• **PROMISE FULFILLED**

- Galatians 4:4
- John 3:16-17
- Romans 10:9

• **FEEL GUILTY**

- 2 Samuel 14:14, Psalm 130:3-4, Romans 8:1-2, 1 Corinthians 6:11, Ephesians 3:12, Hebrews 10:22-23

• **FEEL DEJECTED**

- Psalm 130:7, Isaiah 64:24, Matthew 11:28-30, Romans 8:26-27, Hebrews 4:16

• **FEEL DESPAIR**

- Psalm 119:116; Isaiah 57:15; Jeremiah 32:17; Hebrews 10:35

• **ARE DISAPPOINTED**

- Psalm 22:4-5; Isaiah 49:23; Matthew 19:25-26; Mark 9:21-24; John 15:7; Ephesians 3:20

• **ARE DEPRESSED**

- Deuteronomy 31:8; Psalm 34:18; Isaiah 49:13-15; Romans 5:5

- **ARE PERSECUTED**
 - Genesis 50:20; Psalm 37:1-2; Matthew 5:10-12; 2 Corinthians 4:8-12; 2 Timothy 1:11-12; 1 Peter 3:13-14
- **ARE ANXIOUS**
 - Psalm 55:22; Isaiah 41:13; Matthew 6:25; Matthew 11:28-29; Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Peter 5:7
- **ARE FILLED WITH LONGING**
 - Psalm 37:4; Psalm 84:11; Psalm 103:5; Luke 12:29-31
- **ARE SICK**
 - Psalm 23:4; Psalm 73:26; Isaiah 57:18; Matthew 8:16-17; John 16:33; Romans 8:37-39; James 5:14-15
- **ARE IMPATIENT**
 - Psalm 27:13-14; Psalm 37:7, 9; Romans 2:7; 1 Timothy 1:16; Hebrew 6:12; 2 Peter 3:9
- **ARE CONFUSED**
 - Psalm 32:8; Isaiah 42:16; John 8:12; John 14:27; 1 Corinthians 2:15-16; James 1:5
- **ARE TEMPTED**
 - Job 23:10-11; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Hebrews 2:18; Hebrews 4:15-16; James 1:2-4, 13-14; 1 Peter 5:8-10
- **ARE WEAK**
 - Psalm 72:13; Isaiah 41:10; Romans 8:26; 1 Corinthians 17-9; 2 Corinthians 4:7-9; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
- **ARE AFRAID**
 - Psalm 4:8; Psalm 23:4; Isaiah 35:4; Romans 8:37-39; 2 Corinthians 1:10; 2 Timothy 1:7; Hebrews 13:6
- **OBEDIENCE**
 - Exodus 14:23; Matthew 16:27; John 8:31-32; John 14:21, 23; James 1:25
- **ARE IN NEED**
 - Isaiah 58:11; John 6:35; 2 Corinthians 9:10-11; Ephesians 3:20-21; Philippians 4:19
- **GRIEVE**
 - Psalm 119:50, 76-77; Jeremiah 31:13; Matthew 5:4; John 16:20-22; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14; Revelation 21:3-4
- **SUFFER**
 - Psalm 34:19; Nahum 1:7; John 16:33; Romans 8:16-17; 1 Peter 2:20-21; 1 Peter 4:12-13
- **FAIL**
 - Joshua 1:9; Romans 3:23-24; Romans 5:8; Hebrews 10:36; 1 John 1:8-9
- **DOUBT**
 - Psalm 34:22; John 3:18; John 11:25-26; Romans 4:5; 1 John 4:15-16

4. How should we respond to God's promises? How do you respond? Be honest.

Leader follow up

The simple answer is trust and surrender. Knowing that God is supreme, perfect, and faithful should prompt us to place our faith in Him ([Heb 11:1](#); [Rom 15:13](#)). When we memorize these promises, they should anchor us in a steadfast hope that only comes from Jesus. It's a constant reminder of His greatness. Ask the kids for specifics on the promises they are talking about: salvation, anxiety, fear, etc.

- Many times we don't respond with full trust and surrender; instead, we dwell on the fear or doubt that God will show up. His promises may not be fulfilled the way we expect, but if we reflect, we can see how He is working.

5. Do you have any prayer requests?

Challenge:

Hand out the homework/digging deeper.

Upcoming Events:

10/9 (Friday) Worship Night

10/14 (Wed) War in the Woods

10/16 (Friday) - High School Cedar Point