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INVITATION

We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: God's Love Is Faithful

SCRIPTURE: [Psalm 103](#); [136](#)

WORD OF WONDER: [From Psalm 139:14](#)

With the deployment of the James Webb Space Telescope, humans have seen farther into the past than ever before. In unmatched clarity, we observe glimpses of galaxies and star clusters more ancient and numerous than our minds had grasped. The early images are simply dripping with distant galaxies, each one containing untold billions of stars, and many of these points of light show a corner of the universe so distant that it has taken longer than we can fathom for the photons to even reach our instruments.

This spectrum of radiation traversed incomprehensible reaches to meet ... us.

If alive today, the writer of [Psalm 136](#) would observe this and say that the Lord prepared a universe of unfathomed enormity, that His faithful love continues forever.

The God who coils galaxies is not too important to love and care for people. As the psalmist also claims, God redeemed Israel from slavery and gave Israel a new story. I invite you to read [Psalm 136](#), and perhaps you can think of how God did this for you. How has God's mighty hand and powerful arm reshaped your story? Consider finding an image of God's creation, one which leaves you awestruck, as you pray.

In my prayers, I ask, "Could the God who created a universe remain patient with me?" The created universe proclaims, "God has shown limitless patience, limitless vision, and limitless attention." "And," I ask, "will God be faithful to me in the challenges ahead?" The psalmist answers, "Always. Always. Always."

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Puppet Intro and Curiosity Questions

Leader: You may remember our friend Tac, the curious cat. He's always asking questions. He has a question for you. Are you ready?

Tac the Cat: Hi, kids! Do you remember me? I'm Tac. For anyone who can spell, that's cat spelled backward! I'm always curious about everything. Do you know what it means to be curious? It means to think about things and ask questions. It's good to ask questions! I have something I've been curious about ... Do you want to guess what it is?

Leader: Tac, today I have a question for you.

Tac the Cat: For me?

Leader: Yes, I heard cats always land on their feet when they fall. Is that true?

Tac the Cat: Yep! Well, I have always landed on my feet. I guess that happens every time I jump or fall. I hit the ground on all four feet. I've never thought about it. But I wonder why that's true.

Leader: It happens because of gravity. Gravity makes things go down. Like if I toss a ball in the air, it'll fall back down to the ground. We can count on it.

Tac the Cat: I'm glad for that! So I know if I jump down from a table or a tree, I'll always come down and land on my feet because I'm a cat.

Leader: It reminds me of how we can always count on God and on His love. His love endures. That means it's always there, no matter what. We can trust His love and count on it.

Tac the Cat: He still loves us even when we do wrong things? What about when we're scared? What about if we don't read the Bible one day?

Leader: God's love is always there! His love is faithful. We're going to learn about that in God's big story today.

Tac the Cat: So that's what it means to be faithful? Amazing! I can't wait to learn more about God's faithfulness!

Leader: Yes! We'll learn more about God's faithful love in our lesson today.

Tac the Cat: It sounds awesome. I'm going to go jump from different trees and things around the house and see if I always land on my feet

Have you ever been curious about something? Let's take a moment and think: What does it mean to be faithful? Allow the kids to respond. **Are people always faithful?** Allow the kids to respond. **Is God always faithful?** Allow the kids to respond. **We're going to take a look in the Bible and find out more about how God's love is faithful and is always with us.**

Today's Wonder Truth is GOD'S LOVE IS FAITHFUL. Today we'll discover God's love is faithful!

Word of Wonder

SUPPLIES: Bible, paper (1 sheet per kid), coloring utensils

WORD OF WONDER

How God made me is amazing and wonderful.

—from Psalm 139:14

Our Word of Wonder for the Wonderfully Made series is from [Psalm 139:14](#). Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder together. Open a Bible to [Psalm 139:14](#) and practice the verse with the kids.

We're learning today about God's faithful love that goes on forever. One way He shows His love is by what He created. God made the world and everything in it—including us! He loves you so much with His forever love. We're going to create a person out of play dough.

Give each kid a sheet of paper and encourage them to draw a picture of a person. As they work, repeat the verse several times, inviting the kids to join you.

Let's look at our creations. Wow! Your creations are great! God made you special, just how He wanted you. God created you and everything in the world. He is strong and powerful, and He loves you. God made you to be amazing and wonderful! God's big story today reminds us that we can praise God as Creator. We can thank Him for making us.

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **HOW GOD**—Point up with both hands.
- **MADE ME**—Point to yourself with two thumbs.
- **IS AMAZING**—Put one arm out to your side for each word.
- **AND WONDERFUL.**—Burst both arms up and out to the sides at the same time.
- **FROM [PSALM 139:14](#)**—Hold your hands open in front of you, as if holding a book.

Gather kids to discuss these questions:

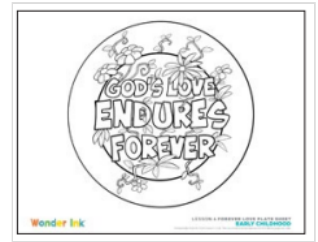
- **What's amazing and wonderful about how God made you?**
- **Why do you think God made us?** (If kids need help, offer ideas such as: God loves us; God wants to be close with us; God is creative, kind, loving.)

Craft: Praise Plates

SUPPLIES: scissors (prep only), disposable plates (1 per kid), coloring utensils, glue sticks

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: [Forever Love Plate Sheet](#) (1 per kid)

Ahead of time, make one copy per kid of the Forever Love Plate Sheet and cut out the circles on the sheets.



We learned today that long ago, God took care of His people and helped them. He rescued them from danger. God never forgot them. He helped them and loved them. God led His people and kept them safe. He does that for us too. God loves u, His love is faithful. That means it never stops, and we can trust it. His faithful love endures forever—like a circle that doesn't have an end. Let's make a craft to remind us of God's enduring love.

Give each kid a disposable plate, coloring utensils, and a Forever Love Plate Sheet. Encourage them to decorate the picture and glue it onto their plate.



We're learning that God's faithful love endures forever, which means it goes on and on. This plate reminds us that God's love goes on forever. He is faithful, and we can always count on Him! Take your praise plate home as a reminder that we can always praise God for His faithful love.

Game: Praise Race

Clear out a space in the room and designate one wall as the "Praise Wall," and have the kids line up opposite of it. In our story today, we learned some amazing things about God.

I'm going to shout out some phrases, or words. If they describe God, you can take turns racing to the "Praise Wall" (point to the Praise Wall), tap the wall, and say, "Thank You, God!" Then you'll race back to the group. Choose a few kids to race to the Praise Wall each round.

Say the following phrases and invite a few kids at a time to race to the praise wall, tap it, and say, "Thank You, God," then run back to the group:

- **God is kind, gentle, and compassionate.**
- **God is patient.**
- **God always keeps His promises.**
- **God's love endures forever.**
- **God is slow to get angry and is full of love.**
- **God is strong and powerful.**
- **God made everything.**
- **God takes care of His people and helps them.**
- **God is trustworthy and faithful.**
- **God keeps His promises.**
- **God is good.**

- **God loves us.**
- **God's love never ends.**

The Bible tells us all of these things about God, and we can praise God for who He is and for how He loves us. Like the writer of the Psalms, we can tell God, "Thank You" for His amazing, faithful love!

Make It Inclusive! For kids who can't run to the wall, allow them to toss a beanbag toward the wall or tap a paper on the floor in a "praise spot."

Prayer and Blessing

After the kids finish their activity, pray with them, thanking God for His amazing love.

God, Your love is faithful. You are faithful in all ways, at all times, to all people. Help us love You with our whole hearts. Help us see You in our lives and help us reflect Your love to others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands are open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: God loves you, and nothing can take that love away. Now and forever, feel safe in that love. Let it sink deeply into your heart and be with you every day, no matter what. God's love is faithful—forever and always.