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Hi, Juniors,

This quarter brings us to some rather interesting people in the Bible. These men and women are great examples of faith in God, and we should look to them for encouragement. If you have not yet asked Jesus to save you from your sins and placed your faith in Him, be sure to ask your teacher about that and see from these people in the Bible how necessary faith in the Lord is.

Moses is the first servant of God we will study. He had to face opposition from some pretty mean people. David also faced someone who was mean, a giant who spoke evil things against God and His people. With only a single stone, David took down the giant Goliath through the Lord's power.

Hezekiah was a king of Judah who had to defend Jerusalem against a powerful army from Assyria. He turned to the Lord and encouraged his people to trust in Him. God miraculously destroyed the evil enemy army.

Jeremiah was a prophet of the Lord. He told God's people to turn back to Him and was persecuted in the process.

Esther needed to ask the king of Persia to stop her people from being destroyed, and she was brave despite the possibility of death.

Jesus is God's Son, but He is also described in the Bible as God's chosen Servant. People welcomed Him into Jerusalem, and He surprised many when He rose from the dead after dying on the cross.

After Jesus ascended to heaven, His followers were still responsible for telling others of the good news. This good news is that Jesus died to save anyone who calls on Him in faith and repents of his sins. Peter and John were two of these special followers of Jesus.

We go back to the Old Testament to consider Samuel, a young boy who responded to God's call of service.

In the book of Daniel, we will learn about three young men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who refused to worship a big gold statue.

Philip, an evangelist who preached about Jesus, was led by God to find a man who was a foreigner and tell him about Jesus.

And our final lesson features Paul preaching the gospel of Jesus.

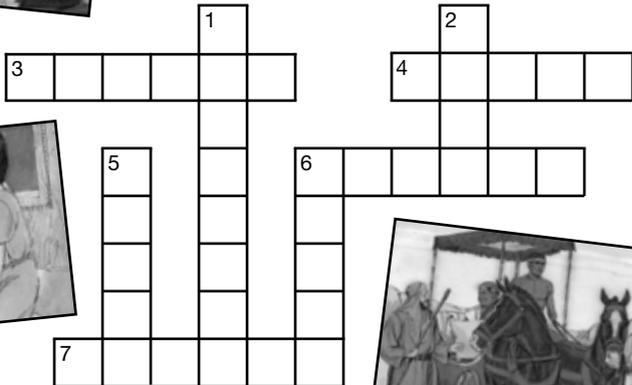
I pray these lessons will be uplifting and encouraging as you look to these examples of faithful service to the Lord.

In Christ,

J.A. Littler

Faithful Servants

The Bible tells us about many faithful servants who served the Lord with their whole being. We too should dedicate our lives to the Lord's service in all that we say, think, and do. Fill in the crossword puzzle that lists some of God's faithful servants whom we will read about this quarter. Use the clues below to find the answers.



ACROSS

3. served under Eli the priest (I Samuel 3:1)
4. slew Goliath in battle (I Samuel 17:49-51)
6. witnessed to a government official (Acts 8:35)
7. risked her life to save her people (Esther 4:15-16)

DOWN

1. spoke God's Word without fear of death (Jeremiah 26:12)
2. baptized certain disciples at Ephesus (Acts 19:4-5)
5. told the people to separate from Dathan (Numbers 16:25-26)
6. boldly preached Christ alongside John (Acts 4:13)

ANSWERS:

Across: 3. Samuel; 4. David; 6. Philip; 7. Esther. Down: 1. Jeremiah; 2. Paul; 5. Moses; 6. Peter.

Lost!

Joannie was having a wonderful day at the park with her brother, Ron. They enjoyed the sunshine and cool breeze as they threw a frisbee, climbed on the jungle gym, went down the slide, and swung on the swings. It seemed like a perfect day, like nothing could stop the fun they were having.

But Joannie and Ron spotted someone who was not having fun. A little girl was sitting underneath the jungle gym crying. Her knees were scratched, and she looked dirty from head to toe. Her face revealed a couple of scratches, and there were small leaves and twigs in her dark hair.

“What’s wrong?” Joannie asked as she came near the sobbing girl.

“Stay away!” the girl yelled.

“It’s OK. We’re here to help you,” Joannie said as she put her hand on the girl’s shoulder. “What’s your name?”

“My name is Harriet. My mommy and daddy don’t love me anymore! I got so mad at them that I ran into the woods, then I got lost. I don’t know where they are! They must hate me so much!” Harriet continued to cry.

“I think your parents still love you. And I know Jesus loves you.”

Joannie looked at Ron, and then she looked back at Harriet. Joannie took Harriet’s hand and said, “Let’s go see my mom. She will know what to do.”

Joannie and Ron walked Harriet over to their mother.

“Oh, my!” she exclaimed. “What happened!”

Just as they started talking, they heard a loud shriek from the other side of the park. “Harriet! Harriet! There you are!”

A woman had just emerged from a walking path that led into the woods, and she frantically ran toward Joannie and her family. A man was running behind her. It was Harriet’s parents.

“We were so worried about you!” her mother said as she held Harriet close. “We love you so much, and we don’t want to lose you!” She turned to look up at Joannie and Ron’s mother. “Thank you so much!”

“Well, I actually have to give my children credit for finding your daughter,” Mom said.

Harriet’s parents, the Walkers, had a long conversation that ended in the Walkers agreeing to come over for dinner the following week.

At dinner, Harriet’s parents and Joannie and Ron’s parents talked about a lot of things, including Harriet’s time at her new school, plans for the summer, and church. The Walkers knew a few things about Jesus, but they did not understand the good news of Jesus’ salvation. They listened intently and warmly accepted the invitation to join Joannie and Ron’s family at church on Sunday.

After Harriet and her parents had left the church, Mom spoke with Joannie. “God used your kindness in an amazing way! Because you showed love to Harriet when she was lost, God has given us an opportunity to talk with her family about Jesus’ love and their need for Him.”



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Moses pronounced God's judgment on the disobedient Israelites who had rebelled against God.

God's Servant Moses

Lesson Text:
Numbers 16:23-34

GOLDEN TEXT—"If these men die the common death of all men, . . . then the Lord hath not sent me" (Numbers 16:29).

Scripture Lesson Text

NUMBERS 16:23 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

24 Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

25 And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him.

26 And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins.

27 So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children.

28 And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind.

29 If these men die the common death of all

men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then the LORD hath not sent me.

30 But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.

31 And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them:

32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods.

33 They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.

34 And all Israel that were round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up also.

Know Your Bible

As you read the Bible you will see a lot of names representing a lot of people. Some people were not friends of God. Others were faithful servants of God. One of these faithful servants was Moses. He led God's people, the Israelites, thousands of years ago.

The Israelites were once enslaved by the Egyptian Empire and their wicked king, Pharaoh. God used Moses to bring His people out of Egypt and toward a beautiful place called the Promised Land.

But not all of the Israelites believed that the Lord would do what



He said. Some did not like Moses and wanted him to stop being their leader even though the Lord had especially chosen him. In fact, a man named Korah talked with a number of families and convinced them to join him in rebelling against Moses.

However, Moses knew that the Lord had called him to live out the special purpose of being His servant. Moses was brave and trusted in the Lord to respond to the rebellious people in the way He knew best. Will you be brave and trust in the Lord when others make fun of you for your faith in the Lord?

SEPARATING—Numbers 16:23-27

The Lord was about to destroy many Israelites because of Korah's

rebellion, but Moses and his friends intervened. They prayed for the Lord to spare those who were not a part of Korah's sin, and the Lord gave people another chance to separate themselves from this wicked man.

So Moses gave the Israelites one last warning. He proclaimed, "Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins" (Numbers 16:26). Some of the Israelites walked away from Korah and his family and friends. They did not want to be counted among those who joined the rebellion, so they made sure they would be seen on Moses' side.

Probably curious to hear what their rival Moses had to say, Dathan and Abiram, two of Korah's friends who joined him in his rebellion, came out of their houses (which were tents).

A TEST—Numbers 16:28-30

Moses offered his adversaries a test. He challenged them and set a couple of simple rules. If Korah and his wicked friends lived out their lives and died a natural death, then it would be obvious that they really were God's servants and that Moses was mistaken to judge them as rebellious and traitors.

But then Moses announced another curious rule. He was surprisingly specific. He said that if the Lord opened up the ground and caused Korah and his friends to be swallowed up by a big hole in the ground, it would show that Moses was in the right.

Wow! What a frightening thing to say! It was obvious that Korah knew that what he was doing was openly defying the Lord and His servant. Korah was