

HEBREWS

Date: 10.26.25 | Faithful and Forever: Jesus is faithful to keep every promise
Scripture: Hebrews

LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- Jesus sits at God's right hand and continually prays for us. Jesus will one day return to exercise His reign over creation.
- Jesus is the only way people can connect with God
- People cannot save themselves, and Jesus is the only way to be reconciled with God.

HIGH SCHOOL:

- Jesus sits at God's right hand and continually intercedes for believers as our advocate, mediator, and High Priest. Jesus will one day return to exercise His reign over creation, and He will make all things new.
- Because no sin can enter God's presence and because Jesus is holy, He is the only way people can connect with God.
- No amount of good works can save a person, and Jesus' paying the penalty for our sin is the only way to be reconciled to God.



MEMORY VERSE

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:23

H 10:23 - L u h f t c o o h w w, f h w p i f. - use this first letter memorization tool that aids in remembering text by using the first letter of each word as a clue.

INTRODUCTORY ACTIVITY

Play a game of “this or that.” Come up with a list of items and have the students choose whether they want “this” or “that.” Their choice will usually depend on which item they view as “better” than the other item.

In our lesson today, we’ll be talking about the book of Hebrews. The main message of the book of Hebrews is that Jesus is better than anything that this world has to offer.

BACKGROUND INFO FOR LEADERS

The book of Hebrews reminds us that Jesus is faithful and forever, the One who never changes, never fails, and never stops interceding for His people (*Hebrews 4:14–16; 7:25*). Though we don’t know exactly who wrote this letter, we know the message came from God through someone deeply familiar with the Old Testament and completely convinced that Jesus is the promised Messiah. This letter was written to Jewish believers who were facing hardship and persecution for following Christ (*Hebrews 10:32–34*). They were weary, uncertain, and tempted to return to the safety of old traditions in Judaism. The writer urged them to keep their eyes on Jesus—the One who is worth following no matter the cost (*Hebrews 12:1–3*).

The author wanted them to remember that Jesus is better than anything or anyone else. He is a better messenger than the angels (*Hebrews 1:4*), because He doesn’t just bring a message from God—He is God’s final word (*Hebrews 1:1–2*). He is a better leader than Moses (*Hebrews 3:1–6*), because He didn’t just guide God’s people out of slavery in Egypt; He delivers His people from the slavery of sin (*Hebrews 2:14–15*). He is a better priest than any who came before Him, because He offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice once for all (*Hebrews 9:11–12; 10:10–12*). No more animal sacrifices were needed, because Jesus, the sinless Son of God, took our punishment and paid the price in full (*Hebrews 9:26–28*). Now He lives forever as our Mediator, standing before the Father on our behalf, praying for us, and inviting us to draw near with confidence to God’s throne of grace (*Hebrews 4:14–16; 7:25*).

The message of Hebrews is that Jesus is better—He is the fulfillment of everything the Old Testament promised and pointed toward (*Hebrews 8:6; 10:1*). Every covenant, priest, and sacrifice was a shadow of what was coming in Christ (*Hebrews 9:23–24*). Because Jesus is faithful, we can trust Him completely (*Hebrews 10:23*). Because He is forever, His salvation will never end (*Hebrews 7:24–25; 13:8*). When the believers in Hebrews felt afraid and uncertain, the author reminded them that Jesus had not changed. He was still on His throne (*Hebrews 1:3*), still faithful to His promises (*Hebrews 10:36*), and still worth following even in suffering (*Hebrews 12:1–3*).

In a world full of shifting ideas and temporary hopes, Hebrews invites us to stand firm in the gospel truth that never fades: Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever (*Hebrews 13:8*). He is our anchor when life feels unsteady (*Hebrews 6:19–20*), our hope when we grow tired (*Hebrews 12:12–13*), and our perfect High Priest who understands our weaknesses (*Hebrews 4:15*). The call of Hebrews is simple and powerful—hold fast to your faith, because He who promised is faithful (*Hebrews 10:23*).

When we fix our eyes on Jesus, we see the beauty of His forever love and the certainty of His finished work on the cross (*Hebrews 9:12; 12:2*). He has done what no one else could do—He has made a way for us to be forgiven (*Hebrews 10:14–18*), to belong to God (*Hebrews 8:10–12*), and to live with Him forever (*Hebrews 13:20–21*). The gospel isn't just about what Jesus did long ago; it's about what He continues to do right now. He saves completely (*Hebrews 7:25*), prays continually (*Hebrews 9:24*), and reigns eternally (*Hebrews 1:8*). He is faithful and forever—and because of Him, so is our hope (*Hebrews 10:23; 13:8*).

LOCATE THE SCRIPTURE & TELL THE STORY



TELL THE STORY - HEBREWS

The book of Hebrews teaches us that Jesus will always be faithful and forever! He never changes, never gives up, and never stops caring for His people (*Hebrews 4:14–16; 7:25*). We don't know exactly who wrote the book, but we know that it was written to people who believed in Jesus and were having a hard time. Some of them were scared or tired from being treated badly because of their faith (*Hebrews 10:32–34*). The writer wanted to remind them that following Jesus was worth it and to keep their eyes on Him (*Hebrews 12:1–3*).

The letter explains that Jesus is better than anything or anyone else. He is a better messenger than the angels because He doesn't just bring a message from God—He is God's message to us (*Hebrews 1:1–2, 1:4*). He's a better leader than Moses because He doesn't just lead people out of a place; He saves us from sin (*Hebrews 3:1–6; 2:14–15*). And He's the best priest ever because He offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for our sins, once and for all (*Hebrews 9:11–12; 10:10–12*). Now Jesus lives forever in heaven, talking to God for us and helping us when we need it (*Hebrews 4:14–16; 7:25*).

The book of Hebrews tells us that Jesus is everything God promised and more (*Hebrews 8:6; 10:1*). He keeps every promise and never fails (*Hebrews 10:23*). Because Jesus lives forever, the hope we have in Him will never end (*Hebrews 7:24–25; 13:8*). Even when life is hard or scary, Jesus is still on His throne (*Hebrews 1:3*), still faithful to His word (*Hebrews 10:36*), and still worth following (*Hebrews 12:1–3*).

We can count on Jesus no matter what happens. He's our anchor when life feels shaky

(*Hebrews 6:19–20*), our helper when we're tired (*Hebrews 12:12–13*), and our friend who understands everything we go through (*Hebrews 4:15*). The book of Hebrews reminds us to hold tightly to our faith, because the One who made promises to us is faithful (*Hebrews 10:23*).

When we look to Jesus, we see His amazing love and what He did for us on the cross (*Hebrews 9:12; 12:2*). He made a way for us to be forgiven (*Hebrews 10:14–18*), to belong to God (*Hebrews 8:10–12*), and to live with Him forever (*Hebrews 13:20–21*). The good news, or the gospel, isn't just about what Jesus did a long time ago—it's about what He's still doing for us today! He saves us completely (*Hebrews 7:25*), prays for us always (*Hebrews 9:24*), and will reign forever as King (*Hebrews 1:8*). Jesus is faithful and forever—and because of Him, our hope will last forever too (*Hebrews 10:23; 13:8*).



RETELL THE STORY

Have students re-tell the story as best they can.



SHARE THE GOSPEL

The book of Hebrews shows us the incredible good news of the gospel—that Jesus is our great High Priest who made the way for us to come to God. In the Old Testament, priests offered sacrifices again and again for the people's sins, but those sacrifices could never completely take away sin. Then Jesus came. He offered Himself as the perfect and final sacrifice, once for all, to bring us forgiveness (*Hebrews 9:12; 10:10*). Because of what Jesus did on the cross, we don't have to be afraid to come to God. The barrier of sin has been broken. Now, through Jesus, we can come boldly to God's throne and find mercy and grace whenever we need help (*Hebrews 4:14–16*). He stands between us and God as our Mediator, the bridge that connects a holy God to sinful people. The gospel message in Hebrews is this: Jesus has done everything needed to bring us to God—forever.

QUESTIONS TO REBUILD THE STORY

1. Who is the book of Hebrews really about? (*Hebrews 1:1–3*)
2. What does the book of Hebrews call Jesus in Hebrews 4:14? (*Hebrews 4:14*)
3. What does a High Priest do? (*Hebrews 5:1*)
4. Why did Jesus not need to offer animal sacrifices like other priests?
(*Hebrews 9:11–12; 10:10–12*)
5. What happens because Jesus died and rose again for us? (*Hebrews 9:15; 10:14*)
6. How does Hebrews say we should come before God now? (*Hebrews 4:16*)
7. Why can we trust Jesus to help us when we struggle? (*Hebrews 2:17–18; 4:15*)
8. What does Hebrews 10:23 tell us to do because Jesus is faithful? (*Hebrews 10:23*)
9. When are times you need to remember that Jesus understands how you feel?
(*Hebrews 4:15*)
10. How can you come to Jesus for help this week when you're struggling or afraid?
(*Hebrews 4:16*)
11. What are some ways you can "hold fast" to your faith and trust Jesus every day?
(*Hebrews 10:23*)
12. How does knowing that Jesus is faithful and forever give you hope? (*Hebrews 13:8*)

13. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?

14. What does the story teach me about myself?

15. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?

16. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?

17. How does this story help me live on mission?

PRAYER PROMPTS

Jesus, thank You for being our faithful High Priest who gave Your life to forgive our sins. Thank You that we can come to God without fear because You made the way for us. Help us to trust You, hold fast to our faith, and remember that You will always be faithful and forever.

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

ATTENTIVE - God hears and responds to the needs of His children.

COMPASSIONATE - God cares for His children and acts on their behalf.

CREATOR - God made everything. He is uncreated.

DELIVERER - God rescues and saves His children.

ETERNAL - God is not limited by time; He exists outside of time.

FAITHFUL - God always keeps His promises.

GENEROUS - God gives what is best and beyond what is deserved.

GLORIOUS - God displays His greatness and worth.

GOOD - God is what is best and gives what is best. He is incapable of doing harm.

HOLY - God is perfect, pure, and without sin.

IMMUTABLE/UNCHANGING - God never changes. He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

INCOMPREHENSIBLE - God is beyond our understanding. We can comprehend Him in part but not in whole.

INFINITE - God has not limits in His person or on His power.

JEALOUS - God will not share His glory with another. All glory rightfully belongs to Him.

JUST - God is fair in all His actions and judgements. He cannot over-punish or under-punish.

LOVING - God feels and displays infinite, unconditional affection toward His children. His love for them does not depend on their worth, response, or merit.

MERCIFUL - God does not give His children the punishment they deserve.

OMNIPOTENT/ALMIGHTY - God holds all power. Nothing is too hard for God. What He wills He can accomplish.

OMNIPRESENT - God is fully present everywhere.

OMNISCIENT - God knows everything, past, present, and future - all potential and real outcomes, all things micro and macro.

PATIENT/LONG-SUFFERING - God is untiring and bears with His children.

PROVIDER - God meets the needs of His children.

REFUGE - God is a place of safety and protection for His children.

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

RIGHTEOUS - God is always good and right.

SELF-EXISTENT - God depends on nothing and no one to give Him life or existence.

SELF-SUFFICIENT - God is not vulnerable. He has no needs.

SOVEREIGN - God does everything according to His plan and pleasure. He controls all things.

TRANSCENDENT - God is not like humans. He is infinitely higher in being and action.

TRUTHFUL - Whatever God speaks or does is truth and reality.

WISE - God knows what is best and acts accordingly. He cannot choose wrongly.

WORTHY - God deserves all glory and honor and praise.

WRATHFUL - God hates all unrighteousness.

List taken from Jen Wilkin Bible studies



Application Questions

LOOK UPWARD



- How does this story apply to your relationship with God?
- What does it teach you about Him- His will and His heart?

LOOK INWARD



- How does this story apply to your heart and your own spiritual growth?
- What does it teach you about yourself?

LOOK AROUND



- How does this story apply to your relationship with others?
- What does it teach you about how to see others and relate to them?
- What is God inviting you to do differently in your relationships?

LOOK OUTWARD



- What does it teach you about God's purposes for the world?
- What part of His mission is He inviting you to participate in?
- What practical steps can you take to live out these truths in the world?

LOOK FORWARD



- What does it teach you about God's plan for your life, now and forever?
- What practical steps can you take to impact eternity now with these truths?