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# A Roman Shows Faith

**Big Idea** | We can experience God's love when we are faithful.

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## 1. Hangout

### Supplies

- Media player

### Instructions

- Discuss: What does it mean to be faithful? (Prompts: To be steady, loyal, and trustworthy, like a faithful friend. To be dependable and do a good job, like a faithful employee. To be full of faith in God.) Chat about what being faithful might look like in the following situations:
  - A friend is moving away. How could you show faithfulness to that friend even though you can't see them as easily?
  - You have a list of weekly chores to do. How could you show faithfulness with the chores?
  - A friend asks you to pet-sit. How could you show faithfulness in the care you give to their pet?
  - Someone tells you something unkind about a friend. How could you show faithfulness to your friend?
  - Your sibling lends you something and asks you to give it back the next day. How could you be faithful with that item?
  - What are some other situations in which we could show faithfulness?
- Introduce today's Big Idea: **We can experience God's love when we are faithful.**
- Watch this week's video on the Kids and Youth playlist at [youtube.com/themeetinghouse](https://youtube.com/themeetinghouse).

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## 2. Hear

### Supplies

- Bible

### Instructions

- Let the kids know that in today's God Story, someone who is very faithful experiences God's love in a miraculous way. Challenge everyone to listen carefully to figure out who is faithful and what happens because of their faith.
- Look up Luke 7:1-10 and read about a Roman who shows faith.
- Review and discuss:
  - Who had such amazing faith that Jesus exclaimed, "I haven't seen faith like this in all of Israel!" (the Roman officer)
  - What did he have faith that Jesus could do? (heal his sick servant, verse 7)
  - In verse 3, who did the Roman officer send to ask Jesus for help? (some Jewish elders)
  - Who did he send to tell Jesus not to trouble himself to come to the house? (some friends, verse 6)
  - The Roman believed that Jesus only had to do one thing for the servant to be healed. What was that one thing? (say the word for the servant to be healed, verse 7)
  - What did the Roman's friends find when they returned to the house? (the servant was healed, verse 10)
  - Why could Jesus heal the servant without even going to the house? (Jesus is God)

### 3. Huddle

#### Supplies

- Media player

#### Instructions

- a. Watch and follow along with the actions in Group Publishing's "Faith" music video: <https://youtu.be/vTCQ81-7MnA>.
- b. Emphasize that we don't need to do anything to get God to love us. Our faithfulness means we trust him to be who he says he is: the God who loves us and helps us!
- c. Discuss: Is there something happening in your life that feels hard or confusing, and you'd like to trust God with it and ask for his help? If possible, share an age-appropriate example of a challenging situation you've faced and how you put your trust in God.
- d. Pray about whatever the kids share. To wrap up, pray a blessing over them and thank God for loving each member of your group. Mention each of the kids by name!

## Heart Maze

**Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."**

