

# Following God

	Date	Title	Scripture text	Bible story	Purpose statements
Faithful Women and Men	1. May 31 p. 90	David and Jonathan	1 Samuel 18–20	David and Saul's son Jonathan were close friends. Saul grew jealous of David's prowess. Several times Jonathan supported David in the face of Saul's anger.	To explore loyal friendship
	2. June 7 p. 62	Baalam, the donkey, and the angel	Numbers 22–24	The king of Moab's son Balak wanted Balaam to curse the Israelites. But no matter what Balak tried, Balaam only spoke God's words of blessing.	To learn with Baalam to speak God's blessing
	3. June 14 p. 122	Queen Esther	Esther 2–7; 9:24–32	The king chose Esther to be his queen without realizing she was a Jew. When Haman convinced the king to kill all Jews, Esther spoke up for them and saved them.	To enjoy Esther's cunning and courage
	4. June 21 p. 142	Jeremiah and a new covenant	Jeremiah 1:1–10; 31:31–40	God called Jeremiah, as a boy, to prophecy to nations and kingdoms. He prophesied God's law would be on people's hearts—a new covenant.	To love God wholeheartedly
	5. June 28 p. 154	The story of Jonah	The book of Jonah	Jonah tried to escape God's call. After being swallowed by a large fish, he preached in Nineveh. When people repented, Jonah was angry at God's mercy.	To understand God's great mercy
Followers of Jesus	6. July 5 p. 224	Mary and Martha	Luke 10:38–42	Martha wanted Mary to help with the housework, preparing for Jesus. Jesus said it was better to sit and listen to him like Mary did.	To compare Mary and Martha's ways of honoring Jesus
	7. July 12 p. 244	Zacchaeus responds	Luke 19:1–10	Zacchaeus, a tax collector, climbed a tree to see Jesus and welcomed Jesus to his house for dinner. He said he would give generously to the poor and to any he had defrauded.	To discover that God's love can change us
	8. July 19 p. 188	Nicodemus visits Jesus	John 3:1–21	Nicodemus visited Jesus at night. Jesus explained to him about God's spirit bringing new life and God's Son bringing light to the world.	To hear Jesus' answers to Nicodemus
	9. July 26 p. 288	Philip and the Ethiopian official	Acts 8:4–8, 26–40	Philip traveled, preaching and healing. He met an Ethiopian official on the road. Philip explained the good news to the man who asked to be baptized.	To know that all people are welcomed to worship God
	10. Aug. 2 p. 292	Tabitha	Acts 9:32–43	Peter visited the saints in Lydda. Tabitha, a disciple who did many kind acts, became ill and died. God answered Peter's prayer, and she returned to life and health.	To learn about God at work in the life of Tabitha
	11. Aug. 9 p. 304	Aquila and Priscilla	Acts 18:1–3, 18–28	Aquila and Priscilla were Jews whom Paul visited in Corinth. They traveled with Paul and explained the way of God to a believer named Apollos.	To understand that Jesus' followers learned from each other
	12. Aug. 16 p. 306	Paul	Acts 27–28	Paul and other prisoners were put on a boat for Rome. A storm ran them aground in Malta, but everyone was saved. Paul healed people there before sailing to Rome.	To appreciate God's presence in difficult times
	13. Aug. 23 p. 310	Cloud of witnesses	Hebrews 11:1–12:2	The author of Hebrews recounts how faithful ancestors, such as Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, and Rahab, are a cloud of witnesses.	To be encouraged by the lives of faithful people