

# LEARNER SHEET: REMAIN FAITHFUL

2 Samuel 11:1-27



## THE BIG IDEA

**We honor God when we are faithful in our relationships.**

## BIG FUN IDEA

Plan a night of fun, food, movies, and games for everyone 12 and under at your church. Ask the kids to join you and encourage the parents to find some time alone. Everyone wins. You get to have fun hanging out with the kids, and parents get some quality time together!

## BIG SERVING IDEA

Ask an adult to contact a local domestic violence shelter to see how your group might help. What might they need for residents to find healing and recovery from broken and abusive relationships? Becoming informed about this serious social issue can help break the troubled cycle.

## PRAYER TIME

Remember your partner's prayer needs—record them here.

## DISCUSSION TIME

- **What is inside the boundaries of respecting and being faithful to the marriage covenant?**
- **Rewrite Luther's explanation to this Commandment as a small group. How would you explain it to your friends?**
- **Write a letter to your future spouse stating your hopes and dreams for your life together. What gifts do you bring to your relationship? What do you want or need from them?**

# LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET: REMAIN FAITHFUL

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Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!

## PRAYER TIME

Focus your family prayer time on marriage this week. Ask God to walk with and strengthen the relationship, the joy and the struggle, for people who are married. Ask for comfort and healing for people who find brokenness in marriage. Pray for your child and all youth that their lives are filled with kindness, compassion, integrity, and love they can promise to another.

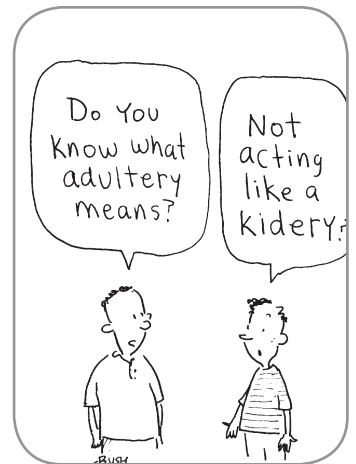
## TALK TIME

- While the topic of sex is one that families can find difficult to address, talking about hopes and dreams of healthy family relationships for their children is easier. Parents, tell your children what you hope for their future. How do you want them to be treated? What can you offer that may help that dream become a reality? Ask your children to talk about their hopes and dreams for a relationship. Is it the same as yours or are there differences? Talk about what that might mean. Find out what support children would find helpful.
- How do these hopes and dreams inform a young person's discovery and understanding of themselves as a sexual being and their sexual relationships with another person? Share stories as you are comfortable. Some stories will be about that which brought joy, while others may be about consequences that were difficult for families. This isn't about confession but about learning and moving forward together.

## KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

**HUMAN SEXUALITY  
COVENANT  
ADULTERY  
SANCTITY**



## WEB TIME

How does your family experience faithful relationships with each other? With friends? What are some strategies you can use to support faithful relationships? Search for "healthy relationships" using your favorite Internet search engine and explore the content of those Web sites together.

## RITUAL TIME

Determine what family faithfulness means. Write this as a covenant to one another. State your intent to abide by this covenant and hold one another accountable. Hold the covenant and pray, "God of love, help us love each other." Place it where all can see as a reminder of your promise.